

TOWN *Report*

1969

Merrimac, Massachusetts



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN *of* MERRIMAC
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,
1969



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DIRECTORY OF TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Robert L. Eckert

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Raymond P. David, Chairman
John E. Flynn, Clerk - Resigned May 24, 1969
Wallace S. Carter
Bernard H. Connor - To fill unexpired term

ASSESSORS

Milton E. Webster	Term Expires 1970
Joseph F. Dugas	Term Expires 1971
J. Duncan How	Term Expires 1972

TOWN CLERK

Dorothy A. Cloyd

TAX COLLECTOR

Wilfred G. Journey

TOWN TREASURER

Roy C. Journey

MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSIONERS

John F. MacCarron	Term Expires 1970
Wilbur E. Wallace	Term Expires 1971
Brian W. Peavey	Term Expires 1972

MUNICIPAL WATER COMMISSIONERS

John F. MacCarron	Term Expires 1970
Wilbur E. Wallace	Term Expires 1971
Brian W. Peavey	Term Expires 1972

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Lloyd D. Crossman	Term Expires 1970
Rhoderick D. MacDonald	Term Expires 1971
Peter W. Tilton	Term Expires 1971
Raymond R. Walton	Term Expires 1972
Eida V. Jervey	Term Expires 1972

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERY

Alva W. Clark	Term Expires 1970
Merrill B. Smith	Term Expires 1971
Arthur R. Clark	Term Expires 1972

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Nancy C. MacGregor	Term Expires 1970
Robert L. Eckert	Term Expires 1970
Barbara N. Adams	Term Expires 1971
Charlotte P. Gulezian	Term Expires 1971
Bernard C. Bickum	Term Expires 1972
Eida V. Jervey	Term Expires 1972

TRUSTEES OF KIMBALL PARK

Wallace P. Spencer	Term Expires 1970
Walter D. Calnan	Term Expires 1971
W. Edward Maguire	Term Expires 1972

PLAYGROUND COMMISSION

Michael J. McLaughlin	Term Expires 1970
Harold J. Hume	Term Expires 1971
Arthur R. Cloyd	Term Expires 1972
George J. P. Stevens	Term Expires 1973
Leon B. Smith	Term Expires 1974

BOARD OF HEALTH

Allen F. Stevens	Term Expires 1970
Arthur W. Hoyt	Term Expires 1971
Arthur R. Cloyd	Term Expires 1972

CONSTABLES

Wallace P. Spencer	Term Expires 1971
Francis J. Mathews	Term Expires 1971
Brian W. Peavey	Term Expires 1971

CHIEF OF POLICE

Maurice Carey

REGULAR POLICE OFFICERS

Maurice Carey
Bernard Connor - Resigned July 15, 1969
Francis J. Mathews
Arthur D. Evans

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

FRED A. SMITH, Honorary
DR. HARRY BLOTNER, Honorary
ALEXANDER M. SULLIVAN, Honorary
KENNETH D. HASKELL, Honorary

Richard G. Noone	POLICE WOMEN
Brian W. Peavey	M. Lucille Gamelin
David N. Sharkey	Rachael L. Adams - School Crossing
Roland L. Spinney	Eleanor M. Williams - School Crossing
Paul J. Tilton	
Peter W. Tilton	
Daniel G. Story	
Ernest S. Packard	
Donald A. Dwyer	
Stanley W. Widgren	
Edward Syvinski	

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER AND MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

Edgar P. Sargent	Richard E. Sargent	Wallace P. Spencer
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TREE WARDEN

Donald A. Dwyer

PLANNING BOARD

Willard R. Davis -Resigned December 17, 1969	Term Expires 1970
James P. Glidden	Term Expires 1971
Clayton H. Sibley - Resigned	Term Expires 1972
Peter F. Smiles	Term Expires 1973
Arnold W. Spofford	Term Expires 1974
Ronald Shaw - To fill unexpired term of Clayton H. Sibley	

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Albert W. Lord

DOG OFFICER

Robert A. Smith

HEALTH NURSE

Elizabeth Pittman, R.N.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Gertrude C. MacKenzie

DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

William R. Mitchell

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Glen I. Blackden

FIRE DEPARTMENT ENGINEERS

Richard J. Powers	Glen I. Blackden, Chief	Harold J. Hume
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LEGAL COUNSEL

Louis A. Cyr

APPEALS BOARD

A. Bruce MacGregor	Term Expires 1970
Norman F. Bishop	Term Expires 1970
Shirley Spencer	Term Expires 1971
David W. Goodwin	Term Expires 1971
George R. Dewhirst	Term Expires 1972

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS - Board of Appeals

	Francis X. Sheehy	
Robert MacLeod		William J. Burns

FENCE VIEWERS

	E. Palmer Sargent	
Kenneth E. Haskell		John Carver

INSPECTOR OF MILK, ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTERING

George R. Hoyt - Resigned May 6, 1969
Harold M. Waterhouse - to fill unexpired term

GAS INSPECTOR

James H. Gleason

WIRING INSPECTOR

Roy E. Keiser

INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

Frederick Ingraham

BURIAL AGENT

Harrison DeLong

VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICER

Harrison DeLong

VETERANS' GRAVE OFFICER

Harrison DeLong

VETERANS' AGENT

Harrison DeLong

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Albert W. Lord
Richard Sargent
Edgar D. Sargent

Term Expires 1970
Term Expires 1971
Term Expires 1972

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Cecil L. Dressler
Edward C. Greeley
Michael J. McLaughlin

Term Expires 1970
Term Expires 1971
Term Expires 1972

JANITOR OF TOWN HALL

Harold Daniels

VOTE FOR OFFICERS ANNUAL ELECTION
March 3, 1969

Moderator, for one year:	
Robert L. Eckert	370
Blanks	58
Town Clerk, for one year:	
Dorothy A. Cloyd	393
Blanks	35
Selectman, for three years:	
Wallace S. Carter	337
Edgar D. Sargent	83
Blanks	8
Assessor, for three years:	
James Duncan How	372
Blanks	56
Board of Health, for three years:	
Arthur R. Cloyd	388
Blanks	40
Treasurer, for one year:	
Roy C. Journeay	365
Brian Peavey	1
Blanks	62
School Committee, for three years;	
Eida V. Jervey	275
Raymond R. Walton	281
Clayton H. Sibley	164
Stanley Whiting	1
Blanks	135
Trustees of Cemeteries, for three years:	
Arthur R. Clark	377
Blanks	51
Library Trustee, for three years:	
Eida V. Jervey	316
Bernard C. Bickum	341
Jean Stuart	1
Blanks	198
Trustees of Kimball Park, for three years:	
Edward Maguire	3
Raymond R. Walton	2

Wilbur Wallace	2
Wallace Spencer	2
George O'Keefe	2
Gordan A. Rines	1
George Jewett	1
Henry D. Lay	1
Robert Whitcomb	1
Bernard Bickum	1
Donald Dwyer	1
Robert Eckert	1
Shirley Spencer	1
Milton Webster	1
Arthur Cloyd	1
Peter Tilton	1
Brian Peavey	1
Arthur Clark	1
Paula Smith	1
Carl Kneeland	1
Edgar D. Sargent	1
Blanks	394
Trustees of Kimball Park, for two years: to fill a vacancy	
Walter D. Calnan	2
Joseph F. Dugas	2
Paula Smith	2
Robert S. Connor	1
Bernard Bickum	1
Gordon Rines	1
Maurice Carey	1
Raymond Walton	1
Martin MacLeod	1
Wilbur Wallace	1
Harold Daniels	1
Robert Eckert	1
Blanks	413
Light Commissioner, for three years:	
Brian Peavey	237
Richard E. Smith	180
Blanks	11
Water Commissioner, for three years:	
Brian W. Peavey	235
Richard E. Smith	183
Blanks	10
Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark	
Edgar Palmer Sargent	306
Richard E. Sargent	309
Wallace P. Spencer	360
Blanks	309

Tree Warden, for one year:

Donald A. Dwyer	369
Edgar D. Sargent	1
Blanks	58

Playground Commission, for five years:

Leon B. Smith	364
William Whiting	1
Blanks	63

Planning Board, for five years:

Arnold W. Spofford	357
Robert Calnan	1
Blanks	70

SPECIAL ELECTION
for the town of
MERRIMAC, MASSACHUSETTS
July 28, 1969

Selectman, to fill unexpired term:

J. Arthur Burns	44
Bernard H. Connor	321
Edgar D. Sargent	25
Frank A. Thompson, Jr.	271
Blanks	1

JURY LIST

The following JURY LIST for the calendar year beginning July 1, 1969 has been prepared by the MERRIMAC BOARD OF SELECTMEN in compliance with Chapter 234, Section 4, of the General Laws and adopted June 24, 1969:

ATKINS, Gilbert N., West Shore Road	Western Electric
ATKINS, Lester N., Emery St.	Nailer
BATCHELDER, William L., 107 E. Main St.	Mass. D.P.W.
BESSEY, Arthur B., 51 Locust St.	Western Electric
BICKUM, Herbert W., W. Shore Rd.	Leather worker
BILLUPS, Charles, Birchmeadow Rd.	Haverhill Gas Co.
BISSON, Glenna F., Pine Bluff Ave.	Shoe worker
BOYER, Francis J., W. Shore Rd.	Retired
CALDWELL, David R., 22 High St.	Supervisor
CHAFF, Thomas H., 6 High St.	Retired
CHERNICK, Myrna, 3 Prospect Hill	At home
CHRISTIE, James J., 12 Vendome St.	Supervisor
COE, Harry A., 19 Summer St.	Architect
COLE, Virginia N., Locust St.	At home
COTE, Nelson A., Merrimac St.	Sales Manager
CRANE, A. Lawton, 26 E. Main St.	Insurance broker
CURRY, George U., 32 River Rd.	Electrical Engineer
CYR, Genevieve F., Merrimac St.	At home
DEUPLISEA, Arthur H., Bear Hill Rd.	Manager
DUGAS, Joseph F., 2 Prospect Hill	Contractor
EMERY, Richard W., 15 Judkins Court	Postal Clerk
FLYNN, James A., 62 Church St.	Postal Clerk
FLYNN, John E., 10 Maple St.	Supervisor
FRAZIER, Frances H., 1 Summer St.	At home
GREELEY, Evelyn M., 15 Vendome St.	Secretary
HARDIE, George P., Orchard St.	Machinist
HART, Clifford R., 9 Summer St.	Western Electric
HILL, Winifred N., 8 Liberty St.	At home
JONES, Robert B., 24 Nichols St.	Custodian
LAVALLEY, Forrest M., 30 E. Main St.	Insurance Agent
LUCY, George E., Emery St.	Retired
LURVEY, Erwin D., 39 Locust St.	General Electric
MacLEOD, Martin L., 70 River Rd.	N.E. Telephone Co.
MAHONEY, George F., Merrimac Terrace	Retired
McALLISTER, Patricia, 38 Woodland St.	At home

O'KEEFE, George F., 32 Summer St.	Western Electric
OJDOWSKY, Frank M., Fern Ave.	Insurance Agent
RANDALL, Kenneth E., 8 S. Pleasant St.	Civil Engineer
RANDALL, Robert D., 5 Adams St.	Postal Clerk
SIBLEY, Clayton H., 10 High Street	Surveyor, Comm. of Mass.
SOUTHER, O. Phillips, 28 Middle Rd.	Supervisor
SPOFFORD, Ellen S., 41 Main Street	Secretary
SOUTHERLAND, Richard C., Highland Road	Auditor
WILLIAMS, Kenneth J., Jr., 23 Union St.	Lineman

RAYMOND P. DAVID

WALLACE S. CARTER

Board of Selectmen

MERRIMAC FIRE ALARM

Emergency Fire Alarm Telephone Number 6-2211

Emergency phone 6-2211 should be used for fire calls only. If for any reason line is out of order, dial operator and ask for EMERGENCY OPERATOR.

IN ALL CASES GIVE YOUR NAME AND EXACT LOCATION OF FIRE

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| 3-3 | Chief's Call |
| 4 | Former Mass. Northeastern Bus Garage, East Main Street |
| 5 | Merrimac Square |
| 12 | Locust Street, corner of Green Street |
| 13 | Main Street, opposite Forest Street |
| 14 | Main Street, near residence of Mrs. William H. Franklin |
| 15 | Birchmeadow Rd. and Main St., to Haverhill-Merrimac line |
| 16 | Woodland and Grove Street |
| 17 | School and Pleasant Streets |
| 18 | School and Mill Streets |
| 21 | East Main Street, opposite Skip's Snack Bar |
| 23 | East Main Street, near residence of William F. Acorn |
| 24 | Church Street, opposite Maple Street |
| 25 | Liberty and Mechanics Streets |
| 26 | Summer and Prospect Streets |
| 27 | Church Street, near residence of Richard Powers |
| 28 | Sawyer and Nichols Streets |
| 31 | Pleasant Street, Merrimacport |
| 32 | Merrimac Street, near Middle Road |
| 34 | Merrimac Street, Merrimacport |
| 35 | High St., Merrimacport, near Merrimac Brass Foundry |
| 36 | Merrimac and Broad Streets, Merrimacport |
| 41 | Lower East Main Street, Lake Attitash entrance |
| 42 | Lake Attitash Park at Fern Avenue |
| 43 | Emery Street at Burnside |
| 51 | Locust and Walnut Streets |
| 52 | Lower Locust Street, to Merrimac-Haverhill line |
| 62 | Birchmeadow Rd., and Hadley District, Telephone—No Box |
| 71 | Bear Hill Rd., to Newton, N.H. line, Telephone-No Box |
| 72 | West Shore, Lake Attitash, Telephone-No Box |
| 74 | Dance Hall, Lake Attitash, Telephone-No Box - Call 6-2211 |
| 121 | Nativity Church, Green Street |

- 132 Elementary School - Union Street
- 271 Elementary School - Church Street
- 2 Recall - All Out - Also All Clear Air Raid

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

NO SCHOOL announcements will be made over Station WBZ and WHAV after 7 o'clock in the morning.

6:30 a.m. 11 - 11 - 11 - No school all day.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

At the annual town election in March, 1969 Wallace S. Carter was re-elected to a three year term on the Board of Selectmen. The Board organized as follows: Raymond P. David, Chairman; John E. Flynn, Clerk and Wallace S. Carter, third member. In May the resignation of John E. Flynn was accepted with regret. A special election was held in July and Bernard H. Connor was elected to fill the unexpired term. Following this election the Board organized again naming Raymond P. David, Chairman; Wallace S. Carter, Clerk; and Bernard H. Connor, third member.

Early in the year the town received notification of approval for a planning advance from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development for sewage treatment facilities with the stipulation that completed plans for the facility must be submitted to HUD by January 2, 1970. An article requesting permission to utilize the planning advance was tabled at the 1969 town meeting and we were unable to meet this deadline. We have requested an extension of time for use of the advance from HUD and are at this writing awaiting a decision.

We regret that the purchase of the so-called "Brox" building, voted at a special town meeting in June, was not accomplished due to legal complications.

At this time we wish to extend our thanks to members of the reserve police force who have given of their time so that the level of police protection has not declined during the untimely illness of Police Chief, Maurice Carey.

We wish to thank all elected and appointed officials and the citizens of the town for the cooperation we have received throughout the year.

RAYMOND P. DAVID
WALLACE S. CARTER
BERNARD H. CONNOR

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Merrmac, Mass.

Gentlemen:

As Town Clerk of the Town of Merrimac, I hereby submit my
annual report for the year 1969:

BIRTHS

Number of births recorded	53
Males	31
Females	18
Father, native born	48
Mother, native born	49
Father and Mother, both native born	48
Father and Mother, both foreign born	0
Mixed Parentage	1

MARRIAGES

Number of marriages recored	28
First marriage of groom	25
First marriage of bride	23
Groom, native born	26
Bride, native born	27
Groom, foreign born	2
Bride, foreign born	1
Average age of groom	
Average age of bride	

DEATHS

Number of deaths recorded	27
Males	14
Females	13
Under five years	1
Males, native born	22
Females, native born	24
Of native parentage	12
Of mixed parentage	15
Average age	77 years, 5 months, 7 days
Oldest person	93

LICENSES

Number of dogs licensed	249
Males	240
Females	9
Kennel licenses	2
Sporting licenses issued	213
Minor's sporting licenses issued	15

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY A. CLOYD
Town Clerk

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF MILK, ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTERING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I have made the following calls and inspections, and issued the following licenses for the year 1969:

Licenses for the sale of oleomargarine	4
Store licenses for the sale of milk	11
Vehicle licenses for the sale of milk	9
Total	24

A total of 24 licenses at 50 cents, \$12.00, this amount turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Number of barns inspected	35
Number of cattle inspected	277
Number of swine inspected	0
Number of horses inspected	63
Number of goats inspected	3
Inspection of division of livestock Diseases Control	0
Check cattle from out of state	2
Animals quarantined	0
Inspection made in conjunction with S.P.C.A. Inspt.	0

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD M. WATERHOUSE
Inspector of Milk, Animals and Slaughtering

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS
MERRIMAC FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Board of Fire Engineers submit the following report for the
year ending December 31, 1969.

Number of alarms	107
Assistance received from other communities	1
Assistance rendered other communities	7

We wish to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen, the officers
and men of the Fire Department, the Chief and officers of the Police
Department and the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac, Massachusetts
for their co-operation and support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

GLEN I. BLACKDEN
RICHARD J. POWERS
HAROLD J. HUME
Board of Fire Engineers

REPORT OF THE PLAYGROUND COMMISSION

To the Town of Merrimac:

Mr. James Hume was elected to the Chairmanship of the
Playground Commission for the year of 1969, with Mr. George Stevens
as Clerk; and this is why we enjoyed a successful year. All projects were
completed, the most important one was the remodification of the
bleachers at the main field.

Our supervised play program opened up the second week of July,
and continued through for six complete weeks of supervised play and
recreation. It was under the supervision of Mr. Robert Whiting, a
sophomore at Plymouth College, with the assistance of Miss Pat Powers,
Miss Sue Chernick and Stephen Noury. A total registration of 293

children was realized on opening day. Average daily attendance was 85 to 95 children, ranging in age from 6 to 16 years of age. A full day program was planned by the supervising personnel. Our thanks to Mr. Whiting and his staff.

Every year at this time it is fitting and most proper to thank the Merrimac Lions Club for a job well done, and their full time support.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES HUME, Chairman
GEORGE STEVENS, Clerk
ARTHUR CLOYD
LEON SMITH
MICHAEL McLAUGHLIN

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac

The balances, receipts and disbursements for the year 1969 were as follows:

Balance, January 1, 1969	\$ 163,548.64	
Receipts to January 1, 1970	1,986,973.47	\$2,150,522.11
Payments on Warrants	\$1,963,152.82	
Balance, January 1, 1970	187,369.29	\$2,150,522.11

Respectfully submitted,

ROY C. JOURNEYAY
Town Treasurer

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

The Honorable Board of Selectmen
Merrimac, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is my annual report of activities for the year ending December 31, 1969.

ACTIVITIES

- 28 Annual Income Questionnaires.
- 57 Pension and Compensation applications, inquires, and related correspondence.
- 10 Applications, Grave Markers, Burial Allowances, and correspondence.
- 9 Inquiries, Dental Treatment.
- 9 Medicare, information and inquiries.
- 2 Applications War Orphan Education.
- 12 Home Loan Applications.
- 12 Statement of Income.
- 19 Hospitalizations, inquiries, and information thereto.
- 12 Social Security applications, and related matter.
- 8 Insurance inquiries.
- 32 Information of G.I. Bill.
- 9 Power of Attorney.
- 5 Real Estate Tax Applications.
- 6 Cases referred to other Departments and Agencies.
- 4 Veterans Preference.
- 5 Information on Scholarships.
- 1 Rehabilitation Program.
- 8 Medical Reports.
- 7 Certificates of Service.
- 4 Verification of Disability.
- 3 Decorations, Ribbons, and Medals
- 6 Applications for Home town Medical and Out Patient Treatment.
- 8 Assistance, Medical Prescriptions.
- 24 Applications and inquiries Educational Benefits
- 30 Mass. Viet Nam Bonus applications distributed, assistance rendered as requested.
- 5 Changes of address.

Grave Markers and Flags were distributed as needed.

As Veterans' Agent I have taken applications for benefits, allowed justified payments, taken assignment, issued vouchers, issued food orders, obtained authorizations, and maintained records. I have filed required reports with the Commissioner of Veterans' Services, Boston, Mass. 02202.

As Veterans' Burial Officer I filed 3 applications for State Veterans burial allowances and obtained same. One veteran was buried in the Veterans new lot at Locust Grove Cemetery.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen and other Town Departments for their cooperation this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
HARRISON S. DeLONG
Director of Veterans' Services

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Trustees of the Merrimac Public Library submit their report for 1969, their ninety-third annual report.

CIRCULATION

January	1080
February	834
March	1138
April	1109
May	1064
June	906
July	1283
August	1095
September	1515
October	1320
November	1314
December	787
Total	13,445

Adult fiction	5941
Adult non-fiction	3841
Juvenile	3663
Total	13,445

Circulation increased more than four percent over 1968, and frequently the library was used to capacity for reference work.

Despite curtailment of bookmobile visits for several months due to the loss of a driver, we borrowed 946 books from the regional library. Of these 431 were adult fiction, 137 adult non-fiction, 108 junior, and 260 books were delivered to the Red Oak School.

The trustees purchased 645 books, of which 190 were adult fiction, 229 adult non-fiction, 28 jr. high fiction, 43 jr. high non-fiction, 106 juvenile fiction, and 49 juvenile non-fiction.

More films were purchased for our viewer which is in constant use. The library has added a record player with 8 sets of earphones. This may be used with the collection of records that has been donated to the library over the past few years, and it also may be used for other records, such as the French records the students have to help them with dialogue.

Fines assessed and turned into the town treasurer were \$278.31.

We are in receipt of a letter from the Haverhill Public Library concerning the Pentucket students doing reference work there. The letter commends their conduct and praises their industriousness, but deplores their numbers, pointing out that the library cannot properly service the residents of Haverhill when it is sometimes occupied by more than one hundred visitors from Pentucket. This situation emphasizes the necessity for expanding our services and hours in 1970.

We are very grateful to the donors of 364 hard-cover and 244 paper-back books. We are also grateful for the exhibits displayed throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
EIDA V. JERVEY
NANCY C. MacGREGOR
CHARLOTTE P. GULEZIAN
BARBARA N. ADAMS
BERNARD C. BICKUM
ROBERT L. ECKERT

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Honorable Board of Selectmen
Merrimac, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Board of Appeals reports its activities during the year 1969 as follows:

The Board held hearings on twelve petitions for variances or special petitions and eleven of the twelve were allowed.

No appeals were taken from our decisions and we take pride in the fact that we are acting in the best interests of the Town.

We appreciate the cooperation of the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and our Clerk, Mrs. Dorothy Cloyd.

Respectfully submitted,

A. BRUCE MacGREGOR, Chairman
DAVID W. GOODWIN
SHIRLEY H. SPENCER
NORMAN F. BISHOP
GEORGE R. DEWHIRST
Board of Appeals

FRANCIS X. SHEEHY
ROBERT D. MacLEOD
WILLIAM J. BURNS
Associate members
Board of Appeals

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

During the year, clinics were held for mumps, polio, small pox, DPT, DT, Tine and measles for pre-school and school children. Parents are reminded that these clinics are free to all.

Flu clinics were held for all town employees.

Rabies vaccination was given to the pet population of the town.

Home nursing visits were made to residents when it was requested and sanctioned by a doctor.

I attended meetings given by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Essex County T.B. Association and the Easter Seal Association. I have cooperated with other State and Town departments when in my ability to do so.

Money received and turned over to the Town Treasurer during 1969 amounted to \$299.00.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH PITTMAN, R.N.
Public Health Nurse

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Honorable Board of Selectmen
Merrimac, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Board of Health submits the following report for the year 1969:

The Board was organized as follows:

Allen F. Stevens, Chairman

Arthur W. Hoyt, Clerk

Arthur R. Cloyd, Member

There were 21 complaints received and investigated by the board.

Frederick Ingraham was reappointed by the Board as Disposal Inspector.

The resignation of George Hoyt, Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering, was received with regret.

The board appointed Harold Waterhouse, Sr. to fill the unexpired term as Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering.

The Board signed a contract for one year with the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Massachusetts, Inc. for consultation services.

The members attended meetings of the Mass. Northeast Boards of Health and the Merrimack Valley Health Planning Council.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN F. STEVENS, Chairman
ARTHUR W. HOYT, Clerk
ARTHUR R. CLOYD

REPORT OF THE GAS INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Merrimac, Massachusetts

There have been a few violations by gas installers in the town of Merrimac during 1969. These violations have been corrected satisfactorily. Several repeat inspections have been made to ascertain if the laws governing gas installations have been complied with.

Respectfully,

JAMES H. GLEASON
Gas Inspector

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

To the Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Trustees of the Merrimac Cemetery Department submit the following report. The Trustees organized as follows: A. Ray Clark, Chairman; Merrill B. Smith, Clerk; Alva W. Clark, Secretary.

Work at the Cemetery went along very well this year under the able supervision of Charles Haynes. No new machinery was purchased this year.

We wish to thank Don Dwyer of the Tree Department for assisting us in purchasing red maple trees for the Cemetery entrance, Mr. Dwyer with the aid of the Boy Scouts planted the trees at no cost to the Cemetery Department. The assistance of the Boy Scouts and Mr. Dwyer was greatly appreciated.

We have been troubled during the year with vandalism. The tool house has been broken into several times during the year and tools stolen and windows and frames torn out, requiring that they be replaced. Also, the entrance road to the cemetery is being used as a drag strip. Two trees were uprooted and the third damaged beyond repair.

Respectfully submitted,

A. RAY CLARK
MERRILL B. SMITH, Sr.
ALVA W. CLARK
Cemetery Trustees

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Planning Board held regular meetings on the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month during the year 1969.

During the year permits were approved for additions or repairs to existing buildings at an estimated construction cost of \$11,192. The estimated construction cost of three commercial buildings for which permits were approved totalled \$74,500.

Perhaps most significant was the total estimated construction cost of six homes for which permits were approved. This cost, \$187,000, or an average per home of more than \$31,000, is higher on an average basis than any year in recent history. The advantage of this higher per home cost will, of course, eventually be reflected in the tax base.

The number of new homes built during 1969 was less than half the annual rate for recent years. This reduction is probably the result of high rates of interest for mortgage money which caused a slowdown in the building of new homes in many parts of the country during 1969. No significant change in the rate of homebuilding is anticipated for 1970.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER F. SMILES, Chairman
ARNOLD W. SPOFFORD, Secretary
JAMES P. GLIDDEN
CLAYTON H. SIBLEY
WILLARD R. DAVIS

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby report that I have caught, confined and disposed of dogs as set forth below.

MALES		FEMALES	
January 9, 1969	\$17.00	May 6, 1969	\$17.00
February 22	17.00	September 16	22.00
April 9	17.00	October 20	22.00
April 23	17.00	October 20	22.00
May 8	17.00	October 20	22.00
June 9	20.00	October 20	22.00
November 19	10.00	November 13	22.00
Total	\$115.00	Total	\$149.00

I also returned many dogs to their owners.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT A. SMITH
Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE LIGHT BOARD

The Merrimac Municipal Light Department is continuing its program of improving its distribution system.

A primary loop was completed from School St., Mill St. and Broad St. to East Main St., and another from East Main St. to Liberty St., and Mechanic St. to Church St.

A new line was constructed at the new state ramp at Lake Attitash.

Thirty-five Mercury lights were installed in a lighting program to replace existing incandescent street lights.

The department will continue the program, staying within the department budget so that the Town of Merrimac can still enjoy the lowest rates in the vicinity.

MERRIMAC LIGHT DEPARTMENT 1969

SALES:

Residential	\$142,183.33
Commercial	33,696.03
Industrial	22,768.81
Public Street Lights	7,031.06
Town Buildings	3,900.00
Rentals	1,098.00
Mdse. and Jobbing	599.03
Interest Income	1,620.33
Sales of Scrap	1,192.10

Purchased Power	\$94,984.56
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MAINTENANCE:

Overhead Lines	16,805.89
Street Lights	3,234.70
Station	1,734.29
Meter	1,808.23
Distribution	4,793.58
Improvements to Plant & Equip.	15,918.90
Depreciation	13,926.34
Customer Records	8,869.18
Administration Salary	6,526.64
Office supplies & exp.	2,857.41
Material and supplies	433.66
Property insurance	3,680.44

Transportation Expense	2,570.60
Installation allowance	2,425.00
General shop expense	1,707.88
Meter reading	2,003.86
Standby	683.56
Outside services	857.85
Customer installation	293.97
Bad debt	376.08
Commissioners, legal, court, Expenses	2,675.20
Miscellaneous	46.37
	\$189,214.19

Excess of income over Costs and Expenses	24,874.50
	\$214,088.69

\$214,088.69

RETURNED TO THE TOWN IN 1969:

Lights in Town Buildings	3,900.00
Street Lights	7,031.00
Free Cash	5,000.00
	\$15,931.00

Respectfully submitted,

WILBUR WALLACE
BRIAN PEAVY
JOHN McCARRON

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS

The Merrimac Water Department continued to have its hours of worry in 1969.

Both the 50 horsepower and the 60 horsepower centrifugal pumps failed, fortunately not at the same time. They were over-hauled by the C. R. Swaney Co., and are running smoothly again.

The department is still concerned with its vacuum system and well field. The wells were washed and rated by the D. L. Maher Co. with its patented chemical process.

Prior to cleaning, the station operated at 24,000 gallons per hour with a 16 inch vacuum — after cleaning the station operated at 25,500 gallons per hour with a 12 inch vacuum. Nine of the 50 wells were found to be inoperable.

During 1969, eight new services were installed, and 14 were renewed. One new hydrant was installed, four replaced and nine repaired. Twenty-four water breaks were repaired.

The Water Department Commissioners in 1969 asked for a committee, made up of representatives of town boards, to look over the town's water system and report its findings to Merrimac citizens.

A report from Haley and Ward, consulting engineers, again urged the development of the town's second source of water supply and the installation of connecting pipe lines as a first priority.

TOWN OF MERRIMAC WATER DEPARTMENT 1969

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS:

For Operations	\$38,345.00	
For Construction	7,600.00	
		\$45,945.00

EXPENDED FOR CONSTRUCTION:

Washing, rating & replacing wells	\$ 3,051.94	
Emergency engine-pumping station	300.00	
		\$ 3,351.94

EXPENDED FOR OPERATIONS:

Maintenance and repair	\$15,673.65	
Fuel and power	4,713.47	
Materials and supplies	3,138.06	
Superintendent's salary	2,649.92	
Office salaries	1,564.88	
Office expense	1,440.87	
Insurance	1,013.00	
Station wages	1,010.70	
Hydrants	897.88	
Meter reading	622.70	
Truck expense	522.69	
Commissioners' salaries	300.00	
Office equipment	250.93	
Miscellaneous expenses	272.89	
Total Expended for Operations		\$34,071.64
Unexpended Balance		4,273.36

COLLECTIONS:

Water Revenue Collected	\$37,213.86	
Water Meter Rental Collected	1,909.00	
Water Misc. Collected	1,380.32	
Water in Town Buildings	490.50	
		\$40,993.68

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

Rates	\$ 1,133.52	
Other	584.14	
Liens	2,005.05	
Revenue Reserved Until Collected		\$ 3,722.71

MONTHLY PUMPING REPORT FOR 1969

Month	Gallons Pumped	Hours Worked
January	12,790,000	439
February	6,720,000	346
March	8,800,000	392
April	8,360,000	398
May	8,080,000	420
June	8,870,000	396
July	8,870,000	401
August	9,300,000	430

September	8,470,000	398
October	8,850,000	422
November	8,760,000	400
December	9,220,000	429
Total	107,090,000	Total 4871

Respectfully submitted,

WILBUR E. WALLACE
BRIAN PEAVY
JOHN F. McCARRON

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors respectfully submit the following report for the year 1969. The Board was organized this year as follows:

Milton E. Webster, Chairman

Joseph F. Dugas, Clerk

J. Duncan How, Member

The following is a recapitulation of appropriations and estimated income of the Town, which was used in computing the 1969 tax rate of \$61.00

Total appropriation	\$1,254,917.37	
Other amounts to be raised	12,816.61	
County tax and assessments	21,905.56	
State recreation areas	4,971.33	
Audit municipal accounts	3,183.29	
Mosquito control	2,421.35	
Motor vehicle excise bills	397.20	
State assessment system	149.32	
Overlay for 1969	52,108.51	
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED		\$1,352,870.54

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

1969 Estimated receipts from	
Local Aid and Agency Funds	261,268.06
Motor vehicle & trailer excise	84,350.17
Licenses	13,926.70
Fines	506.00

General Government	2,733.72	
Protection of persons & property	404.75	
Health and sanitation	779.80	
Libraries	250.00	
Public service enterprises	35,000.00	
Cemeteries	1,500.00	
Interest	3,311.52	
Farm animal, machinery and equipment excise	160.00	
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	404,190.72	
AVAILABLE FUNDS	94,193.95	
		498,384.67
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON PROPERTY		\$854,485.87
Water liens added to taxes	2,005.05	
Tax Rate \$61.00 per M		
School Tax	\$43.60	
General Government	17.40	
Personal Property Valuation	506,610.00	
Real Estate Valuation	13,501,355.00	
Total Valuation	14,007,965.00	
Total Taxes Levied on Property		\$854,485.87
Value of Automobiles	1,539,320.00	
Number of automobiles	2300	
Number Dealer-Repair-Farm	13	
Number of horses	44	
Number of cows	267	
Number other animals	33	
Number of fowl	150	
Number of houses	1069	
Number of acres of land	4109	

In 1969 the Board of Assessors updated and corrected the inequities that existed on all properties in the Town of Merrimac resulting in a new value of real estate of \$13,501,355., representing an increase over the previous year of \$1,440,925.

An Act, providing a tax exemption for certain qualifying elderly persons, passed by the Legislature in 1964 was amended in 1966, allowing an exemption of \$350.00 in taxes or \$4,000 in valuation, whichever is the greater.

Under this Act, 89 were exempt for a total of \$30,200.96 on a valuation of \$495,098.00

Veteran exemptions allowed under General Laws Ch. 59, Sec. 5, Clause 22, totaled 47 exempt for a total of \$5,734.00 on a valuation of \$94,000.00.

Widows exemptions allowed under General Laws Ch. 59, Sec. 5, Clause 17 and 18, totaled 5 for a total of \$610. on a valuation of \$10,000.00.

We wish to thank the honorable Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and all officials of this Town for their fine cooperation extended to us during 1969. We also wish to publicly express our appreciation to the State Bureaus of Local Assessment and Taxation for their assistance and advisement during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MILTON E. WEBSTER, Chairman
JOSEPH F. DUGAS, Clerk
J. DUNCAN HOW, Member

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens
of the Town of Merrimac, Massachusetts:

I hereby submit my annual report of the activities of the Police Department for the year 1969.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Complaints investigated	2,086
Motor vehicle accidents investigated	104
Injured in motor vehicle accidents – 1 Fatal	48
Number of motor vehicles involed in accidents	155
Messages delivered	107
Articles and animals reported lost	80
Missing persons reported	35
Assistance to other Departments	64
Ambulance assistance rendered	36

Assistance to ill or injured	63
Assistance to Medical Examiner	3
Doors and windows found unsecured (secured)	67
Lights left burning (stores and public buildings)	7
Reports of fires investigated, alarms answered	107
Reports of vandalism	122
Summons served for out-of-town Departments	74
Warrants served for out-of-town Departments	3
Days at District Court (Chief)	82
Days at District Court (Officers)	113
Days at Superior Court (Officers)	7

NUMBER OF ARRESTS FOR THE YEAR 1969

Female - Residents	16
Male - Residents	52
Female - Non-residents	1
Male - Non-residents	95
TOTAL	164

Motor vehicle violations, warnings	6
Motor vehicle violations, complaints	53

Jurors drawn	14
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DISPOSITION OF CRIMES

DRUNK: 24, fined 11, dismissed 2, filed 4, appealed 6, probation 6, grand jury 1, total fines \$160.00, house of correction 4 months 20 days.

DISTURBANCE OF THE PEACE: 17, fines 5, filed 2, appealed 1, probation 3, total fines \$85.00, house of correction 4 months 10 days. Cont. w/o find.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY: 15, fines 1, dismissed 6, probation 3, total fines \$10.00, house of correction 6 months. \$100. rest.

ASSAULT WITH DANGEROUS WEAPON: 2, fines 1, grand jury 1, total fines \$15.00.

OPERATING WITHOUT A LICENCE: 5, fines 4, filed 1, total fines \$70.00, 1 cont.

OPERATING NO REGISTRATION: 1, fines 1, total fines \$25.00.

OPERATING UNINSURED MOTOR VEHICLE: 6, fines 5, filed 1, total fines \$500.00, 1 cont.

OPERATING UNREGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLE: 7, fines 3, dismissed 1, filed 2, total fines \$75.00, 1 cont.

NO LICENSE IN POSSESSION: 3, fines 1, discharged 1, total fines \$10.00, 1 cont.

NO REGISTRATION IN POSSESSION: 2, fines 1, dismissed 1, total fines \$25.00.

ALLOWING IMPROPER PERSON TO OPERATE: 2, fines 2, total fines \$45.00.

OPERATING SO AS TO ENDANGER: 13, fines 9, dismissed 1, discharged 1, appealed 1, total fines \$300.00, 1 cont.

OPERATING WITHOUT INSPECTION STICKER: 4, fines 4, total fines \$40.00.

OPERATING WITHOUT VALID LICENSE: 1, filed 1.

LEAVING SCENE AFTER PROPERTY DAMAGE: 5, fines 2, dismissed 1, discharged 1, total fines \$60.00.

OPERATING AFTER RIGHTS TO OPERATE SUSPENDED: 1, total fines \$50.00.

OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLE NOT PROPERLY REGISTERED: 1, fines 2, total fines \$35.00.

ALLOWING UNINSURED MOTOR VEHICLE TO BE OPERATED: 1, discharged 1.

ALLOWING UNREGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLE TO BE OPERATED: 1, discharged 1.

ALLOWING IMPROPER USE OF REGISTRATION PLATES: 1, discharged 1.

OBSCURING MOTOR VEHICLE NUMBER PLATE: 5, fines 1, total fines \$10.00, 4 cont.

MINUS HEADLIGHT: 1, fines 1, total fines \$10.00.

FAIL TO USE CAUTION IN START: 1, fines 1, total fines \$10.00.

OPERATING UNDER HARMFUL DRUGS: 1, discharged 1.

NO REAR PLATE: 2, total fines \$20.00.

NO INSPECTION STICKER: 1, fines 1, total fines \$10.00

OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLE ON SIDEWALK: 1, filed 1.

IMPROPERLY ATTACHED PLATES: 1, fines 1, total fines \$25.00.

SPEEDING: 9, fines 5, total fines \$120.00, house of correction 6 months, w/o finding.

LEFT OF WAY: 17, fines 16, filed 1, total fines \$160.00.

OPERATING UNDER INFLUENCE—LIQUOR: 14, fines 11, dismissed 2, appealed 4, probation 3, total fines \$505.00, house of correction 6 months.

REFUSED TO STOP FOR P.O.: 2, fines 1, dismissed 1, total fines \$25.00.

DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT: 10, fines 6, filed 2, 2 cont.

UNAUTHORIZED USE OF MOTOR VEHICLE: 3, 6 months w/o find.

ATTACHING IMPROPER PLATES: 2, fines 1, filed 1, total fines \$25.00.

STATUTORY RAPE: 2, grand jury 2.

HAVING DANGEROUS WEAPON UNDER CONTROL IN VEHICLE: 1, probation 1, house of correction 3 months.

MINORS TRANSPORTING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE: 8, fines 2, total fines \$50.00, 6 cont.

MINORS IN POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE: 2, fines 2, total fines \$75.00.

ILLEGAL SALE & DELIVERY OF NARCOTICS: 3, dismissed 1, discharged 1, probation 1, 1 YSB.

POSSESSION OF NARCOTICS: 2, probation 1, house of correction 1 year, 1 YSB.

BEING PRESENT WHERE NARCOTICS ILLEGALLY KEPT: 2, probation 2, house of correction 6 months.

RESISTING ARREST: 6, fines 2, filed 1, appealed 1, probation 2, total fines \$75.00, house of correction 5 months, 2 G.J.

MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY: 6, filed 1, probation 3, house of correction 4 months, 2 restitution, 2 YSB.

B & E & L: 2, filed 1, probation 1, house of correction 2 months, 1 YSB 6 months.

DELINQUENT CHILD: 2, dismissed 1, probation 1, 1 cont.

B & E & L IN NIGHTTIME: 1, probation 1, house of correction 3 months.

B & E IN DAYTIME W/INTENT LARCENY: 2, filed 1, probation 1, house of correction 2 months, YSB 6 months.

CONTEMPT OF COURT: 1, fines 1, total fines \$10.00.

NON-SUPPORT: 6, discharged 1, probation 2, house of correction 12 months, 5 wk. sup.

LARCENY OF REGISTRATION STICKER: 1, filed 1.

LARCENY OF REGISTRATION PLATE: 1, probation 1, house of correction 1 year.

FALSIFYING IDENTITY: 1, YSB.

ILLEGITIMACY: 1, probation 1, house of correction 3 months, \$10.00 weekly.

NON-PAYMENT OF FINES: 1, total fines \$150.00.

LOITERING: 2, dismissed 1, cont. w/o find.

RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS: 5, dismissed 1, appealed 2, probation 3, 2 YSB.

INTERFERING W/OFFICER MAKING AN ARREST: 1, discharged 1, house of correction 3 months.

ARSON: 3, probation 3, house of correction 6 months.

During the month of July, Sgt. Bernard Connor resigned leaving the department short-handed due to vacations and sickness among the officers. The special Police Officers put in many extra hours to help cover the town during this period. On August 20th, Officer Arthur D. Evans was appointed Sgt. leaving still a vacancy which was filled by special officer Donald A. Dwyer, Paul Tilton and other special Police Officers.

On September 13, more problems plagued the department when Chief Carey was stricken with a coronary heart attack. This caused more shortages in officers and resulted with adding another school crossing guard with Sgt. Evans acting as officer in charge and Sgt. Lucille Gamelin taking on part of the Chief's duties for the rest of the year.

I wish to thank first of all the Police Officers and Police Women who worked late hours after doing their own jobs in order to see that the citizens of the town could sleep in peace knowing that the police were on the job.

I wish to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen, His Honor Judge Salvatore Faraci, Associate Justices, the Clerk of Court, the Probation Officers, the Amesbury Police and Fire Departments, the officers and men of the Merrimac Fire Dept., the Superintendents of Highway, Light and Water Departments for their cooperation during the year 1969. Again we give our thanks to Frank Sowick and Joseph Dugas for their renewed membership in the "100 Club" of Massachusetts. Joseph Dugas also donated to the Police Dept. a much needed emergency oxygen equipment for the cruiser which has been used to advantage on several occasions. Thanks also extended to Frank Sowick for volunteering to do school crossing at Westminster Road and Route 110, which is especially appreciated by parents of small children using this dangerous crossing.

I would personally like to thank all the officers and citizens of the Town who made a wonderful Thanksgiving and a very happy Christmas for my family and I this year.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE CAREY
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

In accordance with provisions of Chapter 41, of the General Laws, I hereby submit the following report of the Accountant's department, first expressing my appreciation for the cooperation and courteous assistance rendered by you and all other Town Officials in complying with the requirements of our system. I also wish to thank the Department of Corporations and Taxation, Bureau of Accounts for the advice and courtesy they have extended to me during the year.

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE

TAXES:

Current Year:		
Personal, Real Estate	718,760.73	
Previous Years:		
Personal	643.35	
Real	61,898.15	
Tax Title Redemptions	5,315.67	
State Tax Basis	40,426.63	
TOTAL TAXES		827,044.53

LICENSES & PERMITS:

Trailer Park Fees	10,068.00	
Liquor Licenses	2,100.00	
Gas, Wiring	602.00	
Bldg., Plumbing, Sewarage	661.00	
All Other	350.00	
TOTAL LICENSES		13,781.10

FINES & FORFEITS:

Court Fines	427.00	
Dog Fees	489.75	
TOTAL FINES		916.75

PRIVILEGES:

Excise 1969	71,311.61	
Excise 1968	13,916.30	
Excise 1967	480.42	
TOTAL PRIVILEGES		85,708.33

FARM ANIMAL EXCISES:

1969	216.33
1968	22.50

TOTAL FARM ANIMAL EXCISES	238.83
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INTEREST:

1969	313.27
1968	2,130.05
1967	908.96
Adv. costs, added int.	606.77
Recording & Releases	252.00

TOTAL INTEREST ETC.	4,211.05
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TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE	931,900.59
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COMMERCIAL REVENUE**GENERAL GOVERNMENT:**

Rent of Offices	734.88
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TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	734.88
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PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY:

Gun Permits	143.00
I.D. Cards	174.00
Bicycle Plates	11.75
Gasoline Permits	36.00
Oil Burner Permits	39.00

TOTAL PROTECTION	403.75
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HEALTH:

Nurse Fees	299.00
Milk Inspections	12.00
Animal Research	3.00
Ambulance Service	518.16

TOTAL HEALTH	832.16
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HIGHWAYS:

State CCh. 81	8,973.86
State Ch. 90 Con.	3,841.82
City Ch. 90 Con.	3,361.38
State Ch. 616	2,757.40
Road Machinery	2,095.30

TOTAL HIGHWAYS	21,029.76
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CHARITIES:

State General Relief	27.67	
State Medical Assistance	833.52	
State M.A. Admx.	310.82	
Federal M.A. Admx.	524.93	
State D.A. Admx.	67.10	
TOTAL CHARITIES		1,764.04

VETERANS:

State	4,822.11	
	TOTAL	4,822.11

SCHOOLS:

Lunch program - state	8,710.11	
Lunch program - town	21,336.77	
Regional Dist. - Fed.	20,735.49	
P.L. 874	2,391.00	
P.L. 89-10	8,871.00	
P.L. Title VI A	1,000.00	
State Aid Ch. 70	138,886.71	
State Const. Ch. 645	33,157.16	
Voc. Ed. Ch. 69 & 70	5,231.24	
Vocational Trans.	7,281.73	
Tuition & Trans.	4,352.09	
Nat'l Def. Ed. Title III	334.40	
Tuition other towns	2,601.50	
Rental Gym.	15.00	
TOTAL SCHOOLS		254,904.20

LIBRARY:

Fines	278.31	
Cty. Dog Refund	322.55	
State Aid	815.25	
Interest Trust Funds	590.61	
TOTAL LIBRARY		2,006.72

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:

Light:		
Sale of Light	185,994.08	
Sale of Power	21,454.35	
Sale of Misc.	6,125.47	
Consumer Deposits	1,705.00	
Sales Tax	52.36	
TOTAL LIGHT		215,331.26

WATER:			
Rates	37,706.36		
Misc. Sales	1,380.32		
Meter Fund	1,907.00		
	TOTAL WATER		40,993.68

CEMETERIES:			
Sale of Lots	800.00		
Annual care of lots	352.00		
Perpetual care	2,118.00		
Openings etc.	3,383.25		
Interest Trust Funds	3,960.54		
Interest H. Robinson Lot	73.13		
	TOTAL CEMETERIES		10,686.92

TOTAL COMMERCIAL REVENUE	553,509.48
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MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS

Tax Title Possessions	4,033.88		
Tax Title Low Cost Value	66.82		
Water Liens	536.68		
Indian Head Park Fees	526.00		
Indian Head Park Damages	60.00		
Treasury Bills & Interest	50,000.00		
Revenue Loans	350,000.00		
Federal Withholding Tax	74,462.40		
State Withholding Tax	12,830.82		
State Ret. Withholding Tax	39.17		
State Ret. Sales Tax	.69		
Light Depreciation Fund Withdrawal	4,000.00		
Kimball Park Withdrawal	100.00		
Interest General Cash	2,130.56		
Interest Consumer Deposits	259.42		
Interest Water Meters	136.60		
Interest Stabilization Fund	666.54		
Various Refunds	1,713.82		
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS		501,563.40

TOTAL GENERAL, COMMERCIAL AND			
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE		1,986,973.47
	CASH BALANCE JAN. 1, 1969		163,548.64
			<u>2,150,522.11</u>

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

MODERATOR:

Salary	12.00	
		12.00

FINANCE BOARD:

Printing and Postage	250.00	
Clerical Assistance	50.00	
Other	86.00	
		386.00

SELECTMEN:

Salaries	1,405.56	
Clerical Assistance	1,914.00	
Printing and Postage	209.15	
Other	557.24	
		4,085.95

ACCOUNTANT:

Salary	5,303.87	
Other	84.08	
		5,387.95

TREASURER:

Salary	1,200.00	
Clerk	200.00	
Printing and Postage	327.95	
Other	3,273.96	
		5,001.91

TAX COLLECTOR:

Salary	2,500.00	
Clerk	186.75	
Printing and Postage	560.65	
Other	269.18	
		3,516.58

ASSESSORS:

Salaries	1,800.00	
Clerk	2,600.00	
Surveying	1,792.50	

Printing and Postage	302.46	
Other	1,389.20	7,884.16
LEGAL FEES & EXPENSE:		
Salary	1,250.00	
Expense	750.00	2,000.00
TOWN CLERK:		
Salary	1,000.00	
Printing and Postage	258.35	
Other	14.90	1,273.25
REGISTRARS:		
Salary	250.00	
Expense	145.50	
Census Taker	400.00	795.50
ELECTION OFFICERS:		
Wages	485.00	
Expense	30.00	515.00
PLANNING BOARD:		
Clerical Assistance	65.00	
Expense	259.53	324.53
BONDING TOWN OFFICERS:		
	549.00	549.00
TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE:		
Janitor Salary	840.00	
Openings	6.00	
Fuel	1,418.18	
Repairs	171.92	
Janitor Supplies	34.94	
Other	782.25	3,253.29

TOWN HALL REPAIRS:

Fuel	190.21	
Other	313.08	503.29
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		35,488.41

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

POLICE:

Salaries:

Chief	5,459.00	
Sergeant	6,579.20	
Patrol	11,083.39	
Clerk	1,613.96	
Specials	8,705.56	
Uniforms	710.97	
Telephone	811.10	
Office Supplies	407.09	
Cruiser Expense	2,532.99	
Lock-up	500.00	
Other	496.13	38,899.39

FIRE:

Engineers Salaries	650.00	
Wages	4,000.00	
Coats and Boots	241.11	
Fire Alarm	1,536.35	
Equipment Maintenance	687.72	
Building Maintenance	441.64	
Truck Maintenance	449.71	
Gas and Oil	320.45	
Fuel	475.98	8,802.76

FOREST FIRE WARDEN:

200.00	200.00
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PLANS FOR HOUSING FIRE &
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS:

3,112.00	3,112.00
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TOWN FOREST:	28.00	28.00
NEW POLICE CRUISER:	2,489.00	2,489.00
POLICE CAMERA EQUIPMENT:	478.58	478.58
POLICE RADAR EQUIPMENT:	1,200.50	1,200.50
BOARD OF APPEALS:	43.40	43.40
INSPECTOR OF GAS:		
Salary	350.00	
Expense	75.00	425.00
INSPECTOR OF WIRING:		
Salary	320.84	
Expense	50.00	370.84
INSPECTOR OF OIL BURNERS:		
Salary	150.00	
Expense	50.00	200.00
INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING:	300.00	300.00
INSPECTOR OF SEWERAGE:	300.00	300.00
DOG OFFICER:		
Salary	200.00	
Expense	264.00	464.00

DUTCH ELM DISEASE:		
Tractor and Truck Hire	436.00	
Tree Work	501.00	
		937.00

TREE WARDEN:		
Salary	300.00	
Wages	1,318.80	
Loader and Truck Hire	250.00	
Equipment	189.50	
Supplies	198.11	
Other	42.12	
		2,298.53

MOTH DEPARTMENT:		
Wages	372.91	
Insecticides	528.64	
Other	98.45	
		1,000.00

NEW TREES:		
	500.00	
		500.00

STUMP REMOVAL:		
	688.00	
		688.00

CIVIL DEFENSE:		
Salary	300.00	
Fuel	352.04	
Telephone	138.75	
Repairs	278.45	
Other	249.65	
		1,318.89
TOTAL PROTECTION		64,055.89

HEALTH AND SANITATION

HEALTH NURSE:		
Salary	1,875.00	
Expense	44.66	
		1,919.66

BOARD OF HEALTH:		
Adminstration Expense	121.33	

Medical Expenses	123.21	
Animal Burials	8.00	
Other	387.34	
		639.88

VITAL STATISTICS:

125.00	
	125.00

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS:

Salary	100.00	
Expense	10.00	
		110.00

INSPECTOR OF MILK:

Salary	25.00	
Expense	10.00	
		35.00

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING:

Salary	20.00	
Expense	5.00	
		25.00

AMBULANCE SERVICE:

791.16	
	791.16

DUMP MAINTENANCE:

Salary	4,160.00	
Fuel	243.45	
Telephone	81.21	
Repairs	67.46	
Gas and Oil	18.08	
Other	121.28	
		4,691.48

TOTAL HEALTH		8,337.18
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HIGHWAYS

THICKLY SETTLED:

Salary, Supt.	526.35	
Wages	1,205.45	
Cold Patch	272.96	
Loader and Grader	252.75	

Supplies	1,693.06	
Repairs	100.00	
Fuel	281.08	
Other	168.07	
		4,499.72

ROAD MACHINERY:

Gas and Oil	1,560.80
Repairs	1,359.93
Supplies	1,079.27

SNOW AND WASHOUTS:

Salary, Supt.	2,418.70	
Wages	6,758.24	
Loader, Plowing, Etc.	10,079.81	
Salt, Gravel, Etc.	6,600.90	
Repairs	756.55	
Rental Shed	140.00	
Fuel	299.60	
Other	938.41	
		27,992.21

TRAFFIC MARKERS & STREET SIGNS:

280.90	
	280.90

SIDEWALKS, RAILS & BRIDGES:

Salary, Supt.	123.25	
Wages	277.95	
Hot Top and Roller	1,092.00	
		1,493.20

CHAPTER 81:

Salary, Supt.	3,298.70	
Wages	8,422.05	
Loader	263.25	
Sand and Gravel	631.19	
Tar Patch	1,323.45	
Supplies	531.31	
Asphalt	600.94	
Gas and Oil	109.81	
		15,180.70

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE:

Asphalt	1,257.14
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Sand and Gravel	200.00	1,457.14
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CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION:

Salary, Supt.	748.20	
Wages	1,940.45	
Dozer, Loader, Backhoe	2,911.00	
Stone and Gravel	650.00	
H t Top, Etc.	4,530.81	
Supplies	260.90	
Other	42.60	11,083.96
TOTAL HIGHWAYS		65,987.83

CHARITIES

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE:

Med. US	1,215.28	1,215.28
TOTAL CHARITIES		1,215.28

VETERANS BENEFITS

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER:

Salary	900.00	
Expense	250.00	1,150.00

VETERANS BENEFITS:

Agent's Fee	599.97	
Medical Aid	2,753.54	
Ordinary Allowances	7,245.29	10,598.80

CARE VETERANS GRAVES:

98.88	98.88
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TOTAL VETERANS	11,847.68
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SCHOOLS

ELEMENTARY:

Salaries and Wages	326,985.57
Administration Expenses	1,449.70

Census	200.00	
Fuel	7,281.56	
Telephone	581.98	
Library	4,443.04	
Text Books and Supplies	14,741.00	
Transportation	16,355.35	
Special Ed. and Trans.	5,054.69	
Bldg. Maint. and Supplies	4,708.81	
Ground Maint. and Equip.	494.31	
Janitor Supplies	2,778.03	
		385,074.04
SCHOOL LUNCH - T.A.:		
Wages	3,431.10	
		3,431.10
SCHOOL LUNCH - Reg.:		
Wages	10,343.73	
Food	19,005.92	
Other	1,713.79	
		31,063.44
VOCATIONAL:		
Tuition and Trans.	6,256.00	
		6,256.00
P.L. 864:		
	537.33	
		537.33
P.L. 874:		
	1,501.01	
		1,501.01
P.L. 89-10:		
	8,859.67	
		8,859.67
P.L. TITLE VI A:		
	923.07	
		923.07
PENTUCKET REG. ASSESSMENT:		
	407,803.11	
		407,803.11

RED OAK SCHOOL:		
Gilkey Construction	564.98	
Equipment	3,739.55	
Supplies	4,886.25	
		9,190.78
TOTAL SCHOOLS		854,639.55

LIBRARY

LIBRARY:		
Salary, Librarian	1,809.00	
Salary, Assistants	3,224.42	
Salary, Janitor	480.00	
Books and Periodicals	2,881.99	
Telephone	82.12	
Fuel	422.12	
Supplies	274.74	
Repairs	250.40	
		9,424.79
TOTAL LIBRARY		9,424.79

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

PLAYGROUND:		
Wages	1,151.00	
Supplies	375.73	
Gravel, Loam, Bulldozer	109.75	
		1,636.48

SUPERVISED PLAY:		
Wages	1,050.00	
		1,050.00

INDIAN HEAD PARK EXPENSES:		
	24.28	
		24.28

KIMBALL PARK:		
	50.00	
		50.00

CHRISTMAS PARADE:		
	300.00	
		300.00

MEMORIAL DAY:	346.80	346.80
RENTAL AMERICAN LEGION HALL:	500.00	500.00
CENTRAL MERR. VAL. REG. PLANNING DIST. COMMISSION	298.53	298.53
MERR. IND. DEV. COMMISSION:	32.28	32.28
BROX BUILDING OPTION:	2,756.40	2,756.40
SURVEY & EXPENSE FOR PLANS FOR TREATMENT PLANT:	799.80	799.80
WASH ACCOUNT:	154.14	154.14
INTEREST CONSUMER DEPOSITS:	29.51	29.51
TOWN REPORTS:	844.52	844.52
LIGHTS IN TOWN BLDGS.:	3,861.78	3,861.78
WATER IN TOWN BLDGS.:	490.50	490.50

STREET LIGHTING:

7,031.06

7,031.06

INSURANCE:

Workmen's Compensation

7,686.63

Fleet

2,078.06

Accident

1,486.49

Schedule

2,108.06

13,359.24

GROUP INSURANCE:

6,670.66

6,670.66

TOTAL RECREATION & UNCLASSIFIED

40,235.98

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

LIGHT COMMISSIONERS FEES:

300.00

300.00

LIGHT DEPARTMENT:

Salaries, Manager

6,506.24

Salaries, Clerks

7,830.57

Salaries, Labor

26,408.37

Consumer Deposits

1,833.08

Installation Allowances

2,300.00

Insurance

3,680.44

Depreciation Fund Deposits

13,926.34

Material and Supply

134,650.10

197,135.14

WATER DEPARTMENT:

Salaries, Manager

2,649.92

Salaries, Clerk

1,564.88

Salaries, Labor

10,735.39

Material and Supplies

18,735.39

Commissioners Fees

300.00

34,114.24

WASH & REPLACE WELLS:

3,051.94

3,051.94

AUXILIARY ENGINE:

300.00

300.00

TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

234,901.32

CEMETERIES

Salary, Supt. 2,948.00

Salary, Labor 1,661.75

Trees and Shrubs 503.50

Backhoe 300.00

Gas and Oil 226.25

Supplies and Repairs 553.35

Other 57.15

6,250.00

INCOME TRUST FUNDS:

Salary, Supt. 1,802.25

Wages 1,026.00

Clerk 400.00

Supplies and Repairs 282.68

Gas and Oil 283.82

Backhoe 105.00

Other 286.21

4,185.96

TOTAL CEMETERIES

10,435.96

MATURING DEBT & INTEREST

PAYMENTS ON DEBT:

Elementary School 22,000.00

Red Oak School 45,000.00

Water Meters 4,000.00

Fire Truck 4,000.00

75,000.00

INTEREST:

Elementary School 2,240.00

Red Oak School 29,190.00

Water Meters 910.00

Fire Truck 828.00

Revenue 6,876.46

40,044.46

TOTAL MATURING DEBT & INTEREST

115,044.46

OTHER PAYMENTS

Trust Funds in transit	3,375.15	
Refunds - Personal 1969	36.60	
Real, 1965 - 1969	12,395.06	
Excise, 1967 - 1969	3,611.33	
Revenue Loan	350,000.00	
State Recreation Areas	4,716.61	
State Assessment System	149.32	
State Audit	3,183.29	
Motor Vehicle Excise Bill	397.20	
Essex Cty. Mosquito control	2,281.74	
Essex County Tax	22,285.47	
Essex County Retirement	16,277.78	
Stabilization Fund	5,000.00	
Dog Fees	489.75	
Sales Tax	52.36	
Federal Withholding Tax	74,457.70	
State Withholding Tax	12,779.64	
State Withholding Tax Ret.	49.49	
TOTAL OTHER PAYMENTS		511,538.49
 TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR YEAR		 1,963,152.82
 CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1969		 187,369.29
		2,150,522.11

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS

	Balance Jan. 1, 1969	Appropriation	Transferred In	Transferred Out	Refunds & Receipts	Total	Payments	Balance Dec. 31, 1969
Moderator		12.00				12.00	12.00	
Finance Board - Clerk		50.00				50.00	50.00	
- Expense		350.00				350.00	336.00	14.00
Selectmen - Salary		500.00				500.00	500.00	
- Chairman		500.00				500.00	500.00	
- Clerk		500.00				500.00	500.00	
- Member		500.00			47.22	547.22	405.56	141.66
Clerical Assistance		2,000.00				2,000.00	1,914.00	86.00
Expense		1,000.00				1,000.00	766.39	233.61
Accountant - Salary		5,824.00				5,824.00	5,303.87	520.13
Clerical Assistance		300.00				300.00	0	300.00
Expense		100.00				100.00	84.08	15.92
Treasurer Salary		1,200.00				1,200.00	1,200.00	
Clerical Assistance		200.00				200.00	200.00	
Expense		4,000.00			1.00	4,001.00	3,601.91	399.09
Tax Collector Salary		2,500.00				2,500.00	2,500.00	
Clerical Assistance		200.00				200.00	186.75	13.25
Expense		1,300.00				1,300.00	829.83	470.17
Assessors Salary - Chairman		600.00				600.00	600.00	
Clerk		600.00				600.00	600.00	
Member		600.00				600.00	600.00	
Clerical Assistance		2,600.00				2,600.00	2,600.00	
Surveying		3,300.00				3,300.00	1,792.50	1,507.50
Expense		1,710.00				1,710.00	1,691.66	18.34
Legal Counsel - Salary		1,250.00				1,250.00	1,250.00	
Expense		750.00				750.00	750.00	

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS (Continued)

	Balance Jan. 1, 1969	Appropriation	Transferred In	Transferred Out	Refunds & Receipts	Total	Payments	Balance Dec. 31, 1969
Town Clerk - Salary		1,000.00				1,000.00	1,000.00	
Expense		275.00	125.00			400.00	273.25	126.75
Registrars Salary - Chairman		100.00				100.00	100.00	
3 Members @ \$50.00 each		150.00				150.00	150.00	
Clerk		100.00				100.00	100.00	
Expense		115.00				115.00	45.50	69.50
Census Taker		400.00				400.00	400.00	
Election Officers Expense		233.00				573.00	515.00	58.00
Planning Board Expense		500.00	340.00			500.00	324.53	175.47
Bonding Town Officers		575.00				575.00	549.00	26.00
Town Hall Janitor Salary		840.00				840.00	840.00	
Maintenance		2,700.00				2,700.00	2,413.29	286.71
Repairs		700.00				700.00	503.29	196.71
Police - Salaries and Wages		34,194.00				34,194.00	33,783.39	410.61
Expense		4,616.00				4,616.00	4,616.00	
Prisoners Board		500.00				500.00	500.00	
New Cruiser		2,500.00				2,500.00	2,489.00	11.00
Radar Equipment		1,230.00				1,230.00	1,200.50	29.50
Camera Equipment		500.00				500.00	478.58	21.42
Fire Department - Wages		4,100.00				4,100.00	4,000.00	100.00
Expenses		4,200.00				4,200.00	4,152.76	47.24
Engineers Salary		650.00				650.00	650.00	
Forest Fire Warden		200.00				200.00	200.00	
Board of Appeals		150.00				150.00	43.40	106.60
Inspectors: Gas - Salary		350.00				350.00	350.00	

Expense	75.00	75.00	75.00
Wiring - Salary	350.00	350.00	320.84
Expense	50.00	50.00	50.00
Plumbing - Salary	300.00	300.00	300.00
Sewerage - Salary	300.00	300.00	300.00
Oil Burner - Salary	150.00	150.00	150.00
Expense	50.00	50.00	50.00
Town Forest	50.00	50.00	28.00
Tree Warden - Salary	300.00	300.00	300.00
Expense	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,998.53
Moth Department	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Dutch Elm Dept.	950.00	950.00	937.00
New Trees	500.00	500.00	500.00
Stump Removal	700.00	700.00	688.00
Dog Officer - Salary	200.00	200.00	200.00
Expense	300.00	300.00	264.00
Civil Defense - Salary	300.00	300.00	300.00
Expense	137.34	1,137.34	1,018.89
Board of Health	1,600.00	1,600.00	639.88
Health Nurse - Salary	1,875.00	1,875.00	1,875.00
Expense	200.00	200.00	44.66
Dump Maintenance - Salary	4,160.00	4,160.00	4,160.00
Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00	531.48
Ambulance Service	1,000.00	1,000.00	791.16
Vital Statistics	180.00	180.00	125.00
Inspector of Animals - Salary	100.00	100.00	100.00
Expense	10.00	10.00	10.00
Inspector of Slaughtering - Salary	20.00	20.00	20.00
Expense	5.00	5.00	5.00
Inspector of Milk - Salary	25.00	25.00	25.00
Expense	10.00	10.00	10.00
Plans for Housing Fire & Highway Dept.	3,225.00	3,225.00	3,112.00
			113.00

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS (Continued)

	Balance Jan. 1, 1969	Appropriation	Transferred In	Transferred Out	Refunds & Receipts	Total	Payments	Balance Dec. 31, 1969
Highways: Thickly Settled		4,500.00				4,500.00	4,499.72	.28
Road Machinery Maintenance		4,000.00				4,000.00	4,000.00	
Chapter 81	657.19	5,450.00	9,075.00			15,182.19	15,180.70	1.49
Chapter 90 Construction		4,000.00	12,000.00			16,000.00	11,083.96	4,916.04
Chapter 90 Maintenance		1,000.00	500.00			1,500.00	1,457.14	42.86
Snow and Washouts		28,000.00				28,000.00	27,992.21	7.79
Sidewalks, Rails and Bridges		1,500.00				1,500.00	1,493.20	6.80
Traffic Markers and Street Signs	354.80					354.80	280.90	73.90
Street Lights		7,031.06				7,031.06	7,031.06	
Veterans Service Officer - Salary		900.00				900.00	900.00	
Expense		250.00				250.00	250.00	
Care of Graves		150.00				150.00	98.88	51.12
Veterans Benefits - Clerk		600.00				600.00	600.00	
Expense	312.67	8,000.00	1,614.02		132.65	10,059.34	9,998.80	60.54
School Department		385,081.00				385,081.00	385,074.04	6.96
School Lunch		3,450.00				3,450.00	3,431.10	18.90
Vocational School		6,256.00				6,256.00	6,256.00	
Pentucket Regional School Assessment		407,803.11				407,803.11	407,803.11	
Library		8,352.00			1,137.80	9,489.80	9,424.79	65.01
Playground		2,300.00				2,300.00	1,636.48	663.52
Supervised Play Wages		1,050.00				1,050.00	1,050.00	
Indian Head Park Expense		938.00				938.00	24.28	913.72
Insurance		17,000.00				17,000.00	13,359.24	3,640.76
Group Insurance		8,000.00			14.35	8,014.35	6,670.66	1,343.69
Interest - Maturing Debt		33,168.00				33,168.00	33,168.00	

Interest - Temporary Loans	2,000.00	4,876.46	6,876.46	6,876.46
Interest - Consumer Deposits			259.42	229.91
Tax Title Property Repairs & Expenses	300.00			300.00
Industrial Development Commission	600.00	540.49		1,108.21
Survey & Exp. for Plans for Treatment Plant	1,000.00			200.02
Brox Building Option	3,500.00		1,000.00	1,743.60
Youth Center		550.00		550.00
Memorial Day	400.00			53.20
Christmas Parade	300.00			
Rental American Legion Quarters	500.00			
Printing Town Reports	800.00	44.52		
Essex County Retirement	16,277.78			
Merr. Valley Reg. Planning Dept. Commission	298.53			
Stabilization Fund	5,000.00			
Lights in Town Buildings	3,861.78			
Water in Town Buildings	490.50			
Reserve Fund	7,000.00			
Light Commissioners Salary	300.00			
Water Department	38,345.00			
Wash and Repair Wells	7,000.00	42.60		
Fire Proof Files	600.00			
Auxiliary Engine to Pump Water				
Cemetery	6,250.00			
Cemetery - Care, Improvement	170.00			
Loans - Elementary School	17,000.00			
Elementary School Addition	5,000.00			
Red Oak School	45,000.00			
Water Meters	4,000.00			
Fire Truck	4,000.00			
Personal 1969		36.60		
Real 1965		103.54		
1966		1,838.27		

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS (Continued)

	Balance Jan. 1, 1969	Appropriation	Transferred In	Transferred Out	Refunds & Receipts	Total	Payments	Balance Dec. 31, 1969
1967					2,548.29	2,548.29	2,548.29	
1968					3,694.09	3,694.09	3,694.09	
1969					4,210.87	4,210.87	4,210.87	
Excise 1967					121.00	121.00	121.00	
1968					674.38	674.38	674.38	
1969					2,815.95	2,815.95	2,815.95	
State Parks & Reservations	-348.27				4,971.33	4,716.61	4,716.61	-93.55
State Assessment System					149.32	149.32	149.32	
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills					397.20	397.20	397.20	
Essex County Mosquito Control					2,421.35	2,420.00	2,281.74	138.26
County Taxes	-1.35			95.40	21,905.56	21,905.56	22,285.47	-379.91
Federal Withholding Tax	95.40				74,462.40	74,462.40	74,462.40	
State Withholding Tax					12,830.82	12,830.82	12,830.82	
Consumer Deposits	2,353.08				1,705.00	4,058.08	1,833.08	2,225.00
Sales Tax					52.36	52.36	52.36	
Dog Fees					489.75	489.75	489.75	
Trust Fund in Transit					3,375.15	3,375.15	3,375.15	
School Lunch	1,709.99		820.58		30,046.88	32,577.45	31,063.44	1,514.01
State Audit					3,183.29	3,183.29	3,183.29	
Income Library Trust Funds	133.79					133.79		133.79
Income Cemetery Trust Funds	3,400.34				3,960.54	7,360.88	4,185.96	3,174.92
Revenue Loan					350,000.00	350,000.00	350,000.00	
Highway Chapter 616					2,757.40	2,757.40		2,757.40
Welfare: ADC US	2,938.80					2,938.80		2,938.80
ADC US Admx.	2,794.86					2,794.86		2,794.86

DA US	450.37				450.37			450.37
DA US Admx.	1,133.88				1,133.88			1,133.88
MA US	20,395.96			170.29	20,566.25		1,215.28	19,350.97
MA US Admx.	583.88			466.23	1,050.11			1,050.11
OAA US	1,398.98				1,398.98			1,398.98
OAA US Admx.	1,629.34				1,629.34			1,629.34
Red Oak School	45,744.85				45,744.85		9,190.78	36,554.07
Red Oak School Building Committee	415.53				415.53			415.53
School P.L. 864	537.33				537.33		537.33	
School P.L. 874	.56		820.58	2,391.00	1,570.98		1,501.01	69.97
School P.L. 89 - 10				8,871.00	8,871.00		8,859.67	11.33
Library State Aid			815.25	815.25				
Wash Accounts				154.14	154.14		154.14	
Income Kimball Park Trust Fund	16.66			100.00	116.66		50.00	66.66
Light Department	10,547.36	4,000.00	15,931.00	213,685.06	212,301.42		195,302.06	16,999.36
Water Meters - Bond Issue	44.96				44.96			44.96
Cemetery Care - Harry Robinson Lot	269.40			73.13	342.53			342.53
School P.L. 89-10 Title VI A				1,000.00	1,000.00		923.07	76.93
	104,739.96	1219,356.76	33,395.58	17,662.23	759,112.48	2,099,036.10	1970,159.21	128,783.34

	Balance Jan. 1, 1969	Added	Interest	Withdrawn	Balance Dec. 31, 1969
LIGHT DEPRECIATION FUND					
Merrimac Savings Bank	1,282.23	13,926.34	147.19	4,000.00	11,355.76
Economy Co-Op Bank (P.S.)	16,000.00				16,000.00
Economy Co-Op Bank (Savings)	489.03		1,243.33		1,732.36
	17,771.26	13,926.34	1,390.52	4,000.00	29,088.12
TRUST FUNDS					
POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND					
Merrimac Savings Bank	1,035.44		51.08		1,086.52
STABILIZATION FUND					
Merrimac Savings Bank	8,031.73	2,500.00	730.87		11,262.60
Economy Co-Op Bank	7,500.00	2,500.00	666.54		10,666.54
	<u>15,531.73</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>1,397.41</u>		<u>21,929.14</u>

SCHOOL RENOVATIONS BUILDING FUND

Merrimac Savings Bank	73.50	3.61	77.11
KIMBALL PARK			
Merrimac Savings Bank	4,334.67	213.82	4,448.49
LIBRARY FUNDS			
Merrimac Savings Bank			
Willie Colby	209.09	10.31	219.40
Dr. H. J. Cushing	522.75	25.78	548.53
A. E. Goodwin	209.09	10.31	219.40
Francis E. Hanley	522.75	25.78	548.53
Sarah Leavitt	304.50	15.00	319.50
Nichols Memorial	522.75	25.78	548.53
Laura Patten	1,045.50	51.57	1,097.07
D. J. Poore	522.75	25.78	548.53
James Whittier	522.75	25.78	548.53
Thomas H. Hoyt	24,208.17	947.79	25,155.96
Economy Co-Op Bank			
Thomas H. Hoyt	7,500.00	590.61	8,090.61
	<u>36,090.10</u>	<u>1,754.49</u>	<u>37,844.59</u>

	Balance Jan. 1, 1969	Added	Interest	Withdrawn	Balance Dec. 31, 1969
CEMETERY FUNDS					
Merrimac Savings Bank	57,321.87		3,081.03	3,081.03	57,321.87
Economy Co-Op Bank	18,085.00		879.51	879.51	20,203.00
Mary Morgan		100.00			
Howard Hall (Bushong Lot)		200.00			
Miller and Martin		50.00			
Calhoun Lot		200.00			
Arthur R. Clark		25.00			
F. Leslie Viccaro		100.00			
Vincent Rosello		125.00			
Arthur Mason		100.00			
Camille Henry		100.00			
George Leonard		15.00			
Mrs. George Nicol		100.00			
Donald Cell		175.00			
James Hurley		100.00			
Mrs. Annie Oxley		150.00			
Percy Andrews		100.00			
F. C. Chase		100.00			
Johnson Lot		100.00			
Paul Sullivan		100.00			

Albert Boucher	100.00				
Clara Hicks	78.00				
	75,406.87	2,118.00	3,960.54	3,960.54	77,524.87
HARRY J. ROBINSON LOT					
Merrimac Savings Bank	1,500.00	73.13	73.13	73.13	1,500.00
RECAP TRUST FUNDS					
Cash in Custody of Treasurer	133,972.31				
		Post War Rehabilitation			1,086.52
		Stabilization Fund			21,929.14
		School Renovations			77.11
		Kimball Park			4,448.49
		Library			37,844.59
		Cemetery Perpetual Care			77,524.87
		Harry J. Robinson Lot			1,500.00
					<u>144,410.72</u>

RECAPITULATION

Account Balances 1-1-69	104,739.96		
Appropriations	1,219,356.76		
Refunds and Receipts	759,112.48		
	2,083,209.20		
TRANSFERRED TO ACCOUNTS:		FROM ACCOUNTS:	
Town Clerk Expense	125.00	Reserve Fund	
Election Officers Ex.	340.00	Reserve Fund	
Chapter 81	9,075.00	Surplus Revenue	
Chapter 90 Const.	12,000.00	Surplus Revenue	
Chapter 90 Maint.	500.00	Surplus Revenue	
Veterans Benefits	1,614.02	Reserve Fund	
Interest T.A.N.	4,876.46	Reserve Fund	
Printing Town Reports	44.52	Reserve Fund	
School Lunch	820.58	P.L. 874	
Light Dept.	4,000.00	Light Dep. Fund	
			33,395.58
			2,116,604.78
TRANSFERRED FROM ACCOUNTS:		TO ACCOUNTS:	
County Taxes	95.40	Revenue	
P.L. 874	820.58	School Lunch	

Library State Aid
 Light Dept.

Account Balances Dec. 31, 1969

Total Payments for Year 1969

815.25
15,931.00

Library
 Revenue

-17,662.23
2,098,942.55
 -128,783.34
1,970,159.21

FINAL TRIAL BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1969

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash	\$187,369.29	Water Liens	\$ 536.68
Cash Light Depreciation Fund	29,088.12	Excess on sale of land of low value	129.91
Petty Cash Town Office	10.00	Water Meter Rental Acc. Rec.	4.00
Petty Cash Tax Collector	25.00	Cty. Aid to Hgwy. Acc. Rec. Ch. 90 Const.	597.52
Petty Cash Light and Water Dept.	125.00	Essex Cty. Mosquito Control	138.26
Personal 1966	424.51	Indian Head Park Fees	526.00
Personal 1967	459.81	Consumer Deposits	2,225.00
Personal 1968	1,584.29	Water Meter Fund	3,800.25
Personal 1969	6,097.55	Tailings	200.90
Real 1968	17,058.83	Income Library Trust Funds	133.79
Real 1969	89,416.16	Income Cemetery Trust Funds	3,174.92
Excise 1966	529.94	School Lunch	1,514.01
Excise 1967	2,040.28	Cemetery Sale of Lots	800.00
Excise 1968	3,937.91	Road Machinery	2,095.30
Excise 1969	18,675.07	Overlay Surplus	8,175.09
Farm Animal Excise 1966	41.50	Overlay 1963	177.50
Farm Animal Excise 1967	41.50	Overlay 1964	162.40
Farm Animal Excise 1968	232.50	Overlay 1968	3,612.26
Farm Animal Excise 1969	122.75	Overlay 1969	7,891.33
Tax Titles	4,172.03	Excise Revenue	25,183.20
Tax Possessions	8,786.71	Farm Animal Excise Revenue	438.25
Taxes in Litigation	3,853.89	Special Tax Revenue	3,853.89

Cemetery Acc. Rec.	1,382.00	Tax Title Revenue	12,958.74
Veterans Acc. Rec.	687.99	Departmental Revenue	2,069.99
Light Acc. Rec. Light	10,841.98	Light Revenue	12,656.80
Light Acc. Rec. Power	828.58	Water Revenue	3,722.71
Light Acc. Rec. Misc.	986.24	St. & Cty. Aid to Hgwy. Revenue	12,737.52
Water Acc. Rec. Rates	1,133.52	Reserve for Petty Cash Advances	160.00
Water Acc. Rec. Misc.	588.14	Surplus Revenue	169,121.06
Water Acc. Rec. Water Lien	2,005.05	Tax Title Possessions	140.00
St. Aid to Hgwy. Acc. Rec. Ch. 81	9,176.14	Plans for Housing Hgwy. & Fire Dept.	113.00
St. Aid to Hgwy. Acc. Rec. Ch. 90 Const.	3,658.90	Civil Defense	118.45
St. Aid to Hgwy. Acc. Rec. Ch. 90 Maint.	500.00	Ch. 90 Construction	4,916.04
State Parks & Reservations	93.55	Ch. 616	2,757.40
County Taxes	379.91	Traffic Markers & Street Signs	73.90
Overlay 1965	137.86	A F D C US	2,938.80
Overlay 1966	244.14	A F D C US Admx.	2,794.86
Overlay 1967	331.83	D A US	450.37
		D A US Admx.	1,133.88
		M A US	19,350.97
		M A US Admx.	1,050.11
		O A A US	1,398.98
		O A A US Admx.	1,629.34
		Veterans Benefits	60.54
		Red Oak School	36,554.07
		Red Oak School Bldg. Committee	415.53
		School P.L. 874	69.97
		School P.L. 89 - 10	11.33
		School P.L. 89 - 10 Title VI A	76.93

FINAL TRIAL BALANCE (Continued)

ASSETS

LIABILITIES

Interest - Consumer Deposits	229.91	
Merr. Industrial Dev. Commission	1,108.21	
Survey & Ex. - Plans for Treatment Plant	200.20	
Youth Center	550.00	
Kimball Park	66.66	
Light Maintenance Dept.	16,999.36	
Light Depreciation Fund	29,088.12	
Wash and Replace Wells	2,000.00	
Water Meters - Bond Issue	44.96	
Cemetery, Care, Imp. Emb.	1,586.77	
Cemetery, Care Harry Robinson Lot	342.53	
	\$407,068.47	\$407,068.47

Respectfully submitted,

GERTRUDE C. MacKENZIE
Town Accountant

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

I submit my report as Collector of Taxes for the year ending December 31, 1969.

I wish to thank the various officials and citizens for their cooperation during the past year.

1969	Comm.	Uncollected	%
Real Estate	\$823,482.66	\$91,303.00	.11%
Personal Prop.	30,921.51	5,045.30	.163%
Automobile	93,319.07	18,700.64	.20%
Excise			
*includes \$6,161.98 committed in December.			
1968			
Real Estate	\$639,785.26	\$17,058.83	.02%
Personal Prop.	23,749.83	1,584.29	.07%
Excise	99,085.03	3,938.21	.04%
1967			
Excise	\$ 89,689.58	\$ 2,040.28	.02%
Personal Prop.	23,943.87	459.81	.02%

The early commitment of Real Estate Taxes increased collections and this is reflected in the improved free cash position of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

WILFRED G. JOURNEY
Collector of Taxes

In Memoriam

To Those

Who Have Held a Public Office

in the

Town of Merrimac

C. Howard Phillips
Died January 17, 1969

Edward H. Worcester
Died July 15, 1969

Elaine R. Noone
Died August 25, 1969

Michael Gilmore
Died November 18, 1969

WARRANT
for
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1969

ESSEX, ss.

To MAURICE CAREY, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in RED OAK SCHOOL in Merrimac on

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1969

at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws as amended: Moderator, Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, three Commissioners of Municipal Light, three Water Commissioners, and raise and appropriate sums of money therefore, and to determine sums of money to be raised to defray the necessary and usual charges and expenses of the Town for the year 1969 and make appropriations for same said sums of money so raised and appropriated to be expended for specific purposes to be voted.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the Revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1970 and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the Town, fourteen days at least, before the sale, property heretofore taken or which may be taken by the Town under Tax Title Procedure, provided that the town treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen or their

authorized agent, may at the time of such public auction reject any bid which they may deem inadequate, or may after such auction has been held sell such property provided that in their estimation an adequate offer may be made.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and their successors in office to sell, until the 1970 Annual Town Meeting, at public or private sale any of the property which the Town may have acquired or may hereafter acquire through proceedings based upon non-payment of taxes or under proceedings for the sale of lands of low value, to impose upon the property so sold such restrictions, reservations or conditions as shall be deemed expedient, and to execute and deliver in the name and under the seal of the Town quit-claim deeds or other instruments therefor, or to see what action the Town will take in the matter.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Twon will vote to authorize the Assessors to use a sum of money from available balances and from "FREE CASH" in the treasury toward the reduction of the 1969 tax rate.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the maintenance of road machinery to keep road machinery in operation.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended on highway work on thickly settled streets, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 81 highway construction and maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 90 highway construction, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 90 maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of

money from the sale of cemetery lots, such sum or part thereof, to be expended under direction of the Cemetery Trustees for the "Care, Improvement and Embellishment" of said cemeteries, according to Section 14, and Section 25 of Chapter 114, General Laws.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from Electric Light Operating balance, said money to be used by the Assessors with the estimated receipts to fix the tax rate for the year 1969.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to approve the transfer of dog license fees collected in 1968 to the Merrimac Public Library as provided in Chapter 140, Section 172 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept benefits provided under Chapter 760, Acts of 1960 entitled "An act providing State aid for free public libraries."

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following by-law. "No person shall own or keep in the town of Merrimac, outside the confines of the owners or keepers property, any dog which is not held firmly on a leash. Failure to comply with this by-law shall be punishable as follows: First offense, warning; Second offense, fine of \$5.00; Third and subsequent offenses a fine of \$10.00. Each twenty-four hour period shall constitute a separate offense."

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Accountant to pay unpaid 1968 school bills.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will adopt a resolution to amend the zoning by-laws and zoning map of the town of Merrimac to extend the existing commercial zone on the southeasterly side of East Main Street from the westerly side of Emery Street a distance of 268.15 feet along the southeasterly side of East Main Street to a depth of 400'.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for developing additional well fields, constructing buildings for a pumping station, including original pumping station equipment, laying water mains of not less than six inches in diameter, and constructing a storage standpipe, and to determine whether such appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for developing additional well fields, constructing buildings for a pumping station, including original pumping station equipment, laying

water mains of not less than six inches in diameter, and to determine whether such appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase or take by eminent domain an acre of land and necessary rights of ways and easements owned by Robert R. and Jane E. Sargent and situated near the junction of County Road and Harriman Road in Merrimac for the purpose of constructing a million gallon water standpipe or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for fire files for Merrimac Water Department.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a Bruner water filter. A home size unit to be used for study purposes for the Merrimac Water Department.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to the Merrimac Water Department to purchase a Pneuma Gopher underground piercing tool to save trenching across roads.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to change the term of Tree Warden to three (3) years, such change to be effective at the Annual Town Election in 1970.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a police cruiser, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Chief of Police to trade the present cruiser toward the purchase of the new cruiser or to sell the present cruiser at private or public sale.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the assessors to hire themselves to perform duties outside of office pertaining to assessing procedure and to set the rate of pay for such employment at \$2.50 per hour.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tree Warden to employ himself to perform labor or render services to the tree department and to establish the rate of compensation for such labor or services at \$2.00 per hour.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of obtaining an option on the Brox building on East Main Street and, to see if the Town will vote to raise

and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of study and determining the feasibility for the use of same as one town municipal building to house the fire dept., police dept., and highway dept., or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds a sum of money for the stabilization fund.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to purchase or take by eminent domain a certain parcel of land containing 7.01 acres, more or less, situated on the Northerly side of the access road from Broad Street to Route 495, as shown on Plan entitled "Preliminary Plan Showing Proposed Location of Sewerage Disposal Facility Town of Merrimac, January 1969." Clinton F. Goodwin, Reg. Land Surveyor, and to appropriate a sum of money to defray the cost thereof or take any action in connection therewith.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will appropriate sufficient funds to be expended together with Federal and State funds which may be available for architectural and engineering cost for preparing final plans and specifications for the construction of a waste treatment facility in the Town of Merrimac.

And you are hereby required to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in seven (7) public places in said town of Merrimac, at least seven (7) days before said time of meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 11th day of February, 1969.

WALLACE S. CARTER
RAYMOND P. DAVID
JOHN E. FLYNN
Board of Selectmen

A true copy: Attest: MAURICE CAREY, Constable

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

JUNE 3, 1969

ESSEX, ss:

To: Arthur D. Evans, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in RED OAK SCHOOL in Merrimac on

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 1969

at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to purchase land with the buildings thereon of the Brox Development Co., Inc., situated on the Northerly side of East Main Street, to be used for the purposes of a municipal building; that the sum of \$49,000.00 be appropriated for this purpose; that to raise this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$49,000.00 under Provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws as amended.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the repair; refurbishing; altering and equipping the so-called "Brox Building" owned by the Brox Development Co., Inc., and situated on the Northerly side of East Main Street in Merrimac, to be used for municipal purposes, including facilities for the Fire Department; Highway Department; Police Department and other community purposes; that to raise this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow a sum of money under Provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws as amended and that the Selectmen be authorized to enter into all contracts and agreements necessary for the project.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the constructing and originally equipping and furnishing a Fire Station on land situated on the Westerly side of Broad Street Extension in said Merrimac recently acquired from Fred A. Smith and to raise this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow a sum of money under Provision of Chapter 44 of the General Laws as amended; that the Selectmen be authorized to enter into all contracts and agreements necessary for the project.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a Highway Garage on land owned by the Town of Merrimac and situated on the Easterly side of said Broad Street Extension in said Merrimac and to raise this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow a sum of money under Provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws as amended; that the Selectmen are authorized to enter into all contracts and agreements necessary for the project.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 to rate, wash and replace wells of the Merrimac Water Department, not now in service, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Merrimac Zoning By-Laws by deleting paragraph 2 of Section VIX and to substitute therefor the following:

2. Any lawful industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, or utility business not in conflict with the public health, safety, convenience or welfare or substantially detrimental or offensive to adjacent districts or destructive of property values, when permitted by the Board of Appeals.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Merrimac Zoning By-Laws by deleting paragraph 1 of Section XV and substituting therefore as follows:

1. Stripping of Topsoil. No person, firm, or corporation shall strip topsoil or sod from any lot in any district for sale or for use other than on the premises from which it is taken, except that topsoil or sod stripped for the purposes of erecting or altering a building, or constructin a parking lot or similar facility, may, by permit issued by the Board of Selectmen, be sold or otherwise disposed of to the extent of the dimension of the necessary excavation.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Merrimac Zoning By-Laws by deleting paragraph 9 of Section XI and substituting therefore the following:

9. To permit construction of apartment houses in residential areas only. All other Provisions of said Section XI shall remain as previously enacted.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Merrimac Zoning By-Laws by deleting Section IVa and IVb referring to the Suburban-Residential Zone and to include those land areas in the Agricultural Residential Zone, subject to all Provisions of said Agricultural Residential Zone.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Merrimac Zoning By-Laws by deleting paragraph 2 of Section VI and substituting therefore the following:

2. Lot Area. No building except those allowed in Section 5 and its accessory buildings may be erected on a lot. Each lot shall have not less than 200 feet frontage on a street or way and an area of not less than 80,000 square feet, provided that one dwelling may be erected on a lot having lesser dimension if petitioner can show by recorded deed or plan that said lot existed at the time this by-law was adopted.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,730.00 for the purchase of radar and camera equipment for the Police Department or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money to be used for Snow and Washout.

And you are hereby required to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in three (3) public places in said town of Merrimac, at least seven (7) days before said time of meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 27th day of May, 1969.

RAYMOND P. DAVID
WALLACE S. CARTER
Board of Selectmen

A true copy: Attest: ARTHUR D. EVANS Constable

By virtue of the above warrant to me directed, I hereby notify and

warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet at the time and said place for the purpose therein expressed.

Posted this 27th day of May, 1969 at the following places:

- 1. Town Hall
- 2. Food Mart
- 3. Cozy Cleaners

ARTHUR D. EVANS
Constable

WARRANT
for
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1970

ESSEX, ss.
To , one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

GREETINGS:
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in RED OAK SCHOOL in Merrimac on
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1970
at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws as amended: Moderator, Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, three Commissioners of Municipal Light, three Water Commissioners, and raise and appropriate sums of money therefore, and to determine sums of money to be raised to defray the necessary and usual charges and expenses of the Town for the year 1970 and make appropriations for same said sums of money so raised and appropriated to be expended for specific purposes to be voted.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the Revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1970 and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and their successors in office to sell, until the 1971 Annual Town Meeting, at public or private sale any of the property which the Town may have acquired or may hereafter acquire through proceedings based upon non-payment of taxes or under proceedings for the sale of lands of low value, to impose upon the property so sold such restrictions, reservations or conditions as shall be deemed expedient, and to execute and deliver in the name and under the seal of the Town quit-claim deeds or other instruments therefor, or to see what action the Town will take in the matter.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use a sum of money from available balances and from "FREE CASH" in the treasury toward the reduction of the 1970 tax rate.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the maintenance of road machinery to keep road machinery in operation.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended on highway work on thickly settled streets.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 81 highway construction and maintenance.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 90 highway construction.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 90 maintenance.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the sale of cemetery lots, such sum or part thereof, to be expended under the direction of the Cemetery Trustees for the "Care, Improvement and Embellishment" of said cemeteries, according to Section 14, and Section 25 of Chapter 114, G.L.'s.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from Electric Light Operating balance, said money to be used by the Assessors with the estimated receipts to fix the tax rate for the year 1970.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to approve the transfer of dog license fees collected in 1969 to the Merrimac Public Library as provided in Chapter 140, Section 172 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept benefits provided under Chapter 760, Acts of 1960 entitled "An act providing State aid for free public libraries."

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended by the highway department to defray the cost of construction of a sidewalk on the easterly side of Winter Street, from Lincoln Street to Nichols Street or beyond.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or raise by bond issue, a sum of money to be expended by the Selectmen for the purchase of a 3/4 ton, 4 wheel drive pickup truck and plow for the highway department.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund a sum of money to be expended by the Selectmen for the purchase of a new truck chassis and plow for the highway department.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 10, Article IV of the Town By-Laws to read as follows:

"All regular employees, including police and firemen but excluding school employees, whose regular work week is 40 or more hours per week shall have their rate of pay established by the Selectmen with the exception of the municipal light department employees and water department employees whose rate of pay shall be set by the Light & Water Commissioners of the town. All full time town employees, shall be entitled to two weeks vacation with pay per year provided that they have been employed by the town for at

least one year and shall be entitled to three weeks paid annual vacation after fifteen years of service. Full time employees with at least six months and not more than one year of service shall be entitled to five days paid annual vacation, and in addition, shall be entitled to five days sick leave with pay. Employees with over one year of service shall be entitled to fifteen days sick leave with pay per year. Time allowed for sick leave may be accumulated to not over thirty days. Time allowed for vacation and holiday pay shall not be cumulative. All employees with six months or more service shall be entitled to holiday pay for the following holidays or days celebrated as such: New Year's Day; Washington's Birthday; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Columbus Day; Veterans' Day; Thanksgiving Day; and, Christmas Day.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the constructing and originally equipping and furnishing a fire station on land situated on the Westerly side of Broad Street Extension in said Merrimac recently acquired from Fred A. Smith and to raise this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow a sum of money under provision of Chapter 44 of the General Laws as amended; that the Selectmen be authorized to enter into all contracts and agreements necessary for the project, and the Selectmen be authorized to appoint a building committee.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of seven members to study the feasibility of selling the municipal light department; one member from the Board of Selectmen; one member from the Finance Board; one member from the Light & Water Commissioners; and, four members at large and to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to cover expenses of said committee.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate sufficient funds to be expended together with Federal and State funds which may be available for architectural and engineering cost for preparing final plans and specifications for construction of a waste treatment facility in the Town of Merrimac.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to determine whether such appropriation will be raised by borrowing or otherwise and to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to purchase or take by Eminent Domain a certain parcel of land containing 4.2 acres, more or

less, situated on the Northerly side of the access road from Broad Street to Route 495, being land owned by Pace Industrial Corporation, for the purpose of establishing a sewage disposal system for the town of Merrimac, and to appropriate a sum of money to defray the cost thereof or take any action in connection therewith.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to purchase or take by Eminent Domain certain parcels of land adjoining the old Town dump, so-called, on Mill Street in said Merrimac with sufficient area to establish a sewage disposal system for the Town of Merrimac and to appropriate a sum of money to defray the cost thereof or take any action in connection therewith.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply to the Mass. Division of Water Pollution Control for an advance of a State Plan in the preparation of final plans and specifications in connection with a waste treatment facility for the Town of Merrimac.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to correct the flow of water into the boiler at pumping station or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a 3/4 ton truck and utility body for the Merrimac Water Department, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for developing additional well fields; constructing buildings for a pumping station, including original pumping station equipment; laying water mains of not less than six inches in diameter; and constructing a storage standpipe; and to determine whether such appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase, or take by eminent domain, an acre of land and necessary rights-of-way and easements owned by Robert R. and Jane E. Sargent and situated near the junction of County Road and Harriman Road in Merrimac for the purpose of constructing a million gallon water standpipe or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used by the Cemetery Trustees to defray the cost of constructing new gates at the Locust Street cemetery.

ARTICLE 30. On petition of Edgar D. Sargent and others, to see if the voters of the Town of Merrimac will vote to require the Assessors to publish, in the Haverhill Gazette, a listing of the owners and assessed value of each parcel of taxable property in Merrimac.

ARTICLE 31. On petition of Merrill B. Smith and others, to see if the voters of the Town of Merrimac will vote to amend Section 2, Article I to read as follows:

“Quorum at Town Meetings, Annual and Special - Five percent (5%) of the registered voters of the Town of Merrimac must be present at all Annual Town Meetings, and all Special Town Meetings.”

ARTICLE 32. On petition of Raymond H. Estabrook and others, to see if the voters of the Town of Merrimac will vote to require that the appointed Town Counsel be a non-resident of the Town of Merrimac.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee to study the feasibility of disposing of the old high school building and land; said committee to consist of one Selectman, one realtor and one member of the Playground Commission.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to hire themselves to perform duties outside of office pertaining to assessing procedure and to set the rate of pay for such employment at \$2.50 per hour.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tree Warden to employ himself to perform labor or render services to the tree department and to establish the rate of compensation for such labor or services at \$2.00 per hour.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote, under Massachusetts General Laws (Terr. Ed.) Chapter 121B, Section 3 as amended, to establish a Housing Authority and in that connection to make any and all determinations and declarations deemed necessary or desirable, and take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water Department to set up observation wells at the present well field to determine the feasibility of installing a gravel packed well and that a sum of money be transfered from available funds to defray the cost of such wells.

And you are hereby required to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in seven (7) public places in said town of Merrimac, at least seven (7) days before said time of meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this day , 1970.

Board of Selectmen

A true copy: Attest:

Constable

**Annual Report
of the
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
of the
TOWN OF MERRIMAC**

**For The Year Ending
December 31, 1969**

In accordance with custom and with the Acts of the General Court, 1859, Chapter 57, we herewith submit to you the 99th annual printed school report.

RHODERICK D. MACDONALD, Chairman
EIDA V. JERVEY, Vice Chairman
LLOYD D. CROSSMAN, Secretary
RAYMOND R. WALTON
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Helen R. Donaghue, Merrimac Elementary School
Office of the Superintendent, Pentucket Regional School

ANNUAL REPORT

To the Selectmen and the Citizens of Merrimac:

Your School Committee submits the following report for 1969. This Committee provides the policies for Grade K-6 in the Town. Three members of this Committee serve as representatives on the Pentucket Regional School Committee. For a report on secondary education see the Report of the Pentucket Regional District School Committee.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The educational welfare of the local school children has been effectively carried out by the administration and staff for a number of years. The schools have had an ungraded program built on the premise that each child is different. Not only is each child different but each child grows and progresses at his own rate of learning. Practice has shown that each child does not learn equally well in each area of study. The causes of this unequal ability may rest with innate potentials or experience.

The general academic program offered to children helps most of the pupils to progress satisfactorily. However, there are children whose conditions warrant a separate State mandated program that accommodates itself to the learning deviations of a limited number of pupils. In this category we have established a program for the educable child, as defined by law. The program materials are presented to the child at a rate-of-learning which is in keeping with his ability. This is possible by adapting the materials, controlling the rate of instruction and a smaller class size.

During 1968 we were able, by a Title VI A Grant under the Elementary and Secondary School Act, to establish a class for children with emotional problems which interfered with their ability to learn. Frequently these pupils not only did not learn but interfered with the learning of other pupils. The experience with this group has provided preliminary findings to show that emotional problems, if diagnosed early and treated properly, can frequently be overcome and then learning can proceed at a normal rate. The state and national interest in this sort of arrangement is predicated on the basis of early diagnosis and treatment which prevents future, more difficult and expensive problems for society.

During the past year the Town has also found it necessary to transport and educate three pupils in Haverhill in the category called

trainable. Since only three children qualify under this definition, tuitioning these pupils has been the most feasible method of providing for their education.

INCREASED COSTS

The increases in the costs of the elementary and secondary programs of education are mainly attributed to increased personnel costs. These are understandable in terms of rising costs-of-living and the demand for qualified professional personnel. We are taking this opportunity to point out that the major increase in Pentucket costs to the Town is due to a pupil increase, from 402 (32.2374%) of the total enrollment in 1968 to 466 (34.3658%) in 1969. The two causes for Merrimac's sharp increase in the total assessment are: 1, increases in the number of pupils from the Town, and 2, increasing costs of operation.

This Committee is not unmindful of the financial efforts that have been made and need to be made in educating our children. We acknowledge that there have been and still are differences of opinion on the content of our educational programs. We have earnestly tried to provide that type of program supported by the majority of taxpayers. We have carried out the wishes of the majority as expressed or implied in their communications to us.

Respectfully submitted,

RHODERICK D. MACDONALD, Chairman
LLOYD D. CROSSMAN
EIDA V. JERVEY
PETER W. TILTON
RAYMOND R. WALTON

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF – MERRIMAC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Position	Name	Training	Total Yrs. Experience	Years In Merrimac
Principal	Helen R. Donaghue	Bridgewater Normal 1929	31.5	23.5
Assistant Principal	David W. Shaw	B.S. Ed. Bridgewater Teachers' College 1957	10	10
		M. Salem State College 1965		
INTERMEDIATE UNIT:				
	Dawn Rae Allen	Salem State College	1	1
	Kay N. Herlihy	B.A. Rivier College 1964	5	2
	Nancy W. Deminie	B.A. University of N.H. 1953	10	10
	Jane K. Sheedy	B.A. University of Mass. 1967	1	1
	Nancy A. Hamel	B.S. Keene State College 1969	0.5	Began 9/1/69
	Genevieve Smithson	Posse School of Phys. Ed. 1938	16	10
	John L. Randall, III	B. Ed. Keene Teachers College 1962	7	1
	Linda A. McCarthy	B.A. Parsons College 1968	1	Resigned 6/30/69
	Edward Martin	B.S. Salem Teachers College 1965	3	Leave of Absence
	Patricia M. Condon	B.S. Gordon College 1953	12	5
	Annette A. Autiello	B.S. Suffolk University 1966	3	1
	Mary H. Coughlin	A.B. Merrimack College 1961	8	1
		M.A. Salem State College 1964		
	Charles A. Eksoozian	B.A. Boston University 1953	12	1
		M. Boston University 1958		
		G.A.G.S. Boston University 1962		

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF – MERRIMAC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Continued)

Anne R. Tufts	B.A. University of Mass. 1967	1	1
Caroline Butler	A.B. Radcliffe College	5	1
John F. Wenthe	B.A. Boston College 1966	3	Resigned 6/30/69
Lucia A. DePamphilis	B.S. State College at Framington 1967	0	Began 9/1/69
PRIMARY UNIT:			
Charlotte R. Goltz	B.A. Wellesley College	15	12
	M. Ed. Boston University		
Suzann M. McKenzie	B. S. Lowell State College 1965	4	1
Ann M. Ludeking	B.S. Bridgewater State College 1961	7	1
Marie J. English	M. Ed. Salem Teachers College 1962	11	Resigned 6/30/69
Margot Hammon	B.A. Gordon College 1968	1	1
Ellenmarie A. Sullivan	B. Ed. Keene State College 1968	1	1
Barbara R. Taylor	Gordon College 1967	3	2
Ingrid Andersen	B.S. Gordon College 1969	0	Began 9/1/69
Lilyan H. Cummings	Tufts University	1	1
Marion F. Johnson	B.S. University of N.H. 1949	20	12
	M. Ed. Salem State College 1965		
Florence L. Coe	B.S. Salem Teachers College	21.4	Resigned 6/30/69
Louise D. Swartz	B.A. Colby College 1969	1.5	Began 9/1/69
Joanne Fitzgerald	B.S. Salem State College 1969	0	Began 9/1/69
Lois H. Scott	Farmington State Teachers College 1959	5.4	Resigned 6/30/69

	Joanna Hamm	B.S. Framingham State College 1969	0	Began 9/1/69
	Constance L. Hardy	B.S. University of Maine 1969	0	Began 9/1/69
	Constance C. Dublin	B.S. Lowell State College 1960	8	1
	Sandra E. Harris	B.S. Gordon College 1968	1	Resigned 6/30/69
	Donna M. Theobald	B.S. Suffolk University 1968	1	Resigned 6/30/69
Art Supervisor	Nancy Perkins	M. Ed. University of Mass.	10	5
	Martha J. Sax	B.M.E. Mount Union College, Ohio 1958	3	Resigned 6/30/69
Music	Veronica E. Laite	B.A. Madonna College, Mich. 1967	5	Began 9/1/69
	Priscilla D. Hull	B.S. Emerson College 1964	5	3
	Thomas F. Moughan	B.S. Fitchburg State College 1964	5	1
	Elsie E. Hopkins	B.S. Tufts University 1948	3	Began 9/1/69
		M. Ed. Tufts University 1949		
Reading Coordinator	David L. Antczak	B.S. Salem State College 1961	8	8
	Priscilla P. Wilson	B.S. Russell Sage College 1950	5	1
Physical Education				

1969 - 1970

SCHOOL CALENDAR

SCHOOL UNION NO. 53

1969

September

2 and 3	Tuesday and Wednesday	Orientation Days
4	Thursday	School Opens

October

13	Monday	School closed - holiday
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November

7	Friday	Ends 1st quarter - 45 days
10	Monday	Schools closed - Parent-Teacher Conference
11	Tuesday	Schools closed - Veterans' Day
26	Wednesday	Schools close at end of schood day for Thanksgiving

December

1	Monday	Schools open
23	Tuesday	Schools close at noon for the Christmas Holidays

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January

5	Monday	Schools open
23	Friday	Ends 2nd quarter - 44 days

February

16	Monday	Schools closed for Winter vacation
23	Monday	Schools open

March

27	Friday	Good Friday - schools closed
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April

10	Friday	Ends 3rd quarter - 49 days
20	Monday	Schools closed for Spring vacation
27	Monday	Schools open

May

25	Monday	Schools closed - Memorial Day observance
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June

19	Friday	Last day of school Ends 4th quarter - 44 days
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182 days

SCHOOL CENSUS
AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1969

	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
From 5 to 7	83	102	185
From 7 to 16	429	409	838
	512	511	1,023

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

NO SCHOOL announcements will be made over Stations WBZ and WHAV after 7 o'clock in the morning.

6:30 a.m. 11-11-11 No School, all grades.

1970
MERRIMAC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET

	Appropriated 1969	Expended 1969	Request 1970
ADMINISTRATION:			
School Committee Expense	\$ 450.00	\$ 579.95	\$ 570.00
Superintendent's Salary	3,267.00	3,266.66	3,466.00
Secretarial Salaries	2,287.33	2,287.34	2,683.00
School Census	200.00	200.00	200.00
Office Expense	250.00	251.97	265.00
Superintendent's Travel	200.00	200.00	200.00
Asst. Supt. Salary	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,533.00
Asst. Supt. Travel	200.00	200.00	200.00
INSTRUCTION:			
Administrative Salaries	22,633.00	22,624.66	24,127.00
Administrative Expense	400.00	342.61	400.00
Clerical Salaries	6,728.00	4,456.38	5,833.00
Teachers Salaries	263,985.67	263,733.98	285,911.72
General Supplies	7,721.00	6,042.99	8,337.00
Textbooks-Workbooks	6,922.00	7,246.35	7,268.00
Library Supplies	200.00	192.75	200.00
Educational TV Assessment	400.00	432.00	448.00

1970

MERRIMAC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET (Continued)

	Appropriated 1969	Expended 1969	Request 1970
OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES:			
Librarian	None	None	2,500.00
Supervisor of Attendance	100.00	100.00	100.00
School Physician	700.00	640.00	800.00
School Nurse	3,932.00	3,722.45	5,180.00
Nurse's Supplies	100.00	126.41	100.00
Nurse's Travel	50.00	22.48	50.00
Transportation-Regular	16,460.00	15,733.70	23,936.00
Transportation-Special Class	1,800.00	2,320.20	2,615.00
Transportation-Educational	700.00	700.00	2,000.00
Teacher Aides	6,475.00	5,977.75	7,290.00
Mental Health Clinic	300.00	300.00	500.00
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE:			
Custodians' Salaries	18,000.00	17,889.36	21,630.00
Custodians' Supplies	2,000.00	2,580.17	2,500.00
Fuel	5,500.00	7,280.56	7,600.00
Telephones	600.00	674.98	725.00
Building Maintenance	3,290.00	5,193.66	3,300.00
Equipment Repair	350.00	430.55	450.00
Grounds Maintenance	350.00	144.26	375.00
School Lunch Program	3,450.00	3,450.00	3,550.00
ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS:			
	5,340.00	4,613.74	4,000.00
Remodelling	None	None	4,000.00
PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS:			
Special Class Tuition	1,478.00	2,316.14	2,332.00
	<u>\$389,069.00</u>	<u>\$388,524.04</u>	<u>\$438,889.72</u>
Less Available Funds	538.00		69.97
	<u>\$388,531.00</u>		<u>\$438,819.75</u>
VOCATIONAL:			
Tuition	5,456.00	5,695.20	10,860.00
Transportation	800.00	560.00	1,432.00
	<u>\$ 6,256.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,256.00</u>	<u>\$ 12,292.00</u>

Report of the
PENTUCKET REGIONAL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
For The
Year Ending December 31, 1969

In accordance with Chapter 71, Section 16K, the Pentucket Regional District School Committee submits its sixteenth annual report to each of the member towns.

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PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Groveland, Merrimac and West Newbury:

The Pentucket Regional District School Committee submits the following report for 1969. To conduct its necessary business 24 regular meetings were held during the year and more than 20 sessions dealing with the implementation of Chapter 149 (Collective Bargaining). The changing social climate and the demands upon educational institutions is creating heavy demands of time by Committee members. As time goes on more and more clearcut policy decisions will have to be developed by the Committee and leave administration and teacher contract negotiations to professionals.

Contract negotiations are much more complex than commonly assumed. Under the statute previously mentioned, collective bargaining includes good faith efforts in respects to wages, hours and other conditions of employment. The limitations of bargaining have not been clearly developed for educational institutions and the variations in practices in Massachusetts school systems have made negotiations a very tedious process. Topics commonly presented for negotiations include the following;

Negotiations	Grievance Procedures
Teaching Hours & Load	Special Teaching Assignments
Non-teaching duties	Employment Practices
Teacher Assignments	Teacher transfers
Vacancies	Promotions
Position in Summer School	Positions in Federal Projects
Teacher evaluations	Teacher use of School Facilities
Substitute Teachers	Teacher legal liabilities
Textbooks	Dues deductions
Leaves of Absence	Severance Pay
Professional Development	Sick Leave
Group Insurance	Sabbatical leaves

plus items considered under the title of Appendix A which deal with the teacher salary schedules, including the minimum wage, step increases, maximums and any other limitations and qualifications. Under this portion of the negotiations we also find salary ratios for administrators, pay and duties of all extra-curricular activities including athletics.

BREAKDOWN OF BUDGET COMPARISONS

The distribution of costs in 1969 and 1970 are shown here by amounts and percentages.

	1969	1970
Administration	\$ 30,737.00 = 2.00%	\$ 34,148.00 = 2.07%
Instruction	843,778.00 = 55.02%	922,449.00 = 55.92%
Other School Services	133,464.00 = 8.70%	155,872.00 = 9.45%
Operation & Maintenance	145,025.00 = 9.46%	154,160.00 = 9.34%
Fixed Charges	30,635.00 = 2.00%	50,000.00 = 3.03%
Community Services	650.00 = .04%	500.00 = .03%
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	25,732.00 = 1.68%	22,255.00 = 1.35%
Debt Service & Retirement	323,675.00 = 21.10%	310,272.50 = 18.81%
	\$1,533,696.00 = 100%	\$1,649,656.50 = 100%

If we analyze the budget from another viewpoint the breakdown is \$994,045.00 for salaries (60.27%), \$310,272.50 for Debt Service & Retirement (18.81%), and all other costs are \$345,339.00 (20.92%). Or if we look at the Maintenance and Operation budget only, it is obvious that salaries represent 74.2% of the 1970 budget. This high cost of services in all segments of our society is reflected in the school budgets, too.

In reporting to the residents of the Region the Committee believes it has carried out the expressed or implied will of the majority of people in the district. We are mindful of the conflicting demands for more, or less, of certain aspects of the school program. We are as concerned as you are over the inability to meet all the demands of some. We are concerned over the rise in taxes due to increased educational costs. We submit this report to you confident that the education provided for your children will make a difference in the lives of your children. We submit that your investment in the welfare of your children is a good investment.

Respectfully submitted.

WALTER L. CALLAHAN, Chairman
 RONALD N. TAGNEY
 DONALD K. LAING
 DOUGLAS V. CROOK, M.D.
 JOHN R. LANGE
 NORMAN W. CRANTON
 RAYMOND R. WALTON
 EIDA V. JERVEY
 RHODERICK D. MACDONALD

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF 1968-1969

PENTUCKET REGIONAL JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Position	Name	Training	Total Years At Pentucket
Principal High School	Bernard F. Ryder	A.B. Providence College, R.I. 1955 M. Ed. Bridgewater State College 1958 CAGS University of Massachusetts	1
Assistant Principal	Bertram D. Fecteau	M. Ed. Boston University 1955	4
Principal Jr. High School	Francis J. Ferreira	M. Ed. Salem State College 1964	9
Assistant Principal	William H. Whiting	M. Ed. Northeastern University 1961	9
Guidance Director	Maurice Feingold	M. in Guidance, Boston University 1963 CAGS Boston University 1965	Died 1/10/69
Guidance	Kenneth B. Wood	M. Ed. Salem State College 1964	7
Guidance	Dorothy M. Mesle	M. Ed. Salem State College 1964	5
Guidance Director	Robert Fanning	M. Ed. Salem State College 1964	5
Guidance	Milton A. MacDonald	M. Ed. Rutgers University 1966	1
Girls' Phys. Ed.	Alta C. Herron	B.P.E. Posse-Nissen 1924	6
Girls' Phys. Ed.	Laura J. Parker	B.S. Bridgewater State College 1967	2
Boys' Phys. Ed. Dir.	Thomas J. Flaherty	M.A.T. Brown University 1961	6
Boys' Phys. Ed.	Raymond E. Stickney	B. Ed. Plymouth State College	5
English Dept. Head H.S.	Ronald L. Fenerty	B.A. University of N.H. 1961 M. Ed. 1969	8
English	Stephen Voltero	B.S. Merrimack College 1962	5

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF (Continued)

Position	Name	Training	Total Years at Pentucket
English	Cornelia E. Wolfe	B.A. Boston University	11
English	John J. McKittrick	A.B. Lowell State 1965	4
English Dept. Head Jr. H.	Albert E. Belanger	B.S. Salem State College 1961	3
English	Janice A. Fowler	B.S. Northeastern University 1967	2
English	William J. Martin	B.S. Northeastern University	3
English	Dorothy A. Rostosky	B.S. Lyndon Teachers College 1963	2
English	Constance L. Fall	B.S. Salem State College 1968	1
English	Helen M. Bresnahan	A.B. Marymount College 1968	Began 9/1/69
English	John F. Walsh	B. Ed. Merrimack College 1968	1
English	Ellen A. Losano	A.B. Mount Holyoke College 1966	Resigned 6/30/69
Reading Coordinator	Edward J. Milonas	A.B. Gordon College 1948	Resigned 6/30/69
Reading	William B. Normand	B.A. Northern Michigan University 1966	Resigned 6/30/69
		M. Ed. Salem State College 1966	
Reading	Patricia R. Card	B.S. Gordon College 1966	Resigned 6/30/69
Reading	Virginia L. Courtney	B.A. Emmanuel College 1945	Began 9/1/69
		M. Ed. Salem State Teachers College 1969	
Reading	Deborah H. Ayer	A.B. Colby College 1968	Began 9/1/69
Reading	Kathleen Owens	B.A. Emmanuel College 1962	Began 9/1/69
Latin, English	Richard L. Canepa	B.A. Salem State College 1962	5
French	Roger Roy	B.A. Marist College 1964	4
French Dept. Head	John E. Durant	A.B. St. Anselm's College 1963	1

French	Roberta A. Gonthier	B.A. Rivier College 1964	Began 9/1/69
Lab. Assistant	Simone Zalewski	Cour Complementaire Comm., Paris	6
Spanish	Hazel W. Owen	A.B. Boston University 1941	6
German	Sydney R. Newman	B.S. Boston University 1968	1
Physical Science Dept. Head	Robert F. Knights	M. Ed. Harvard	11
Biological Science	Melvin Pollack	B.S. Boston University 1958	11
Science	Joseph Derro, Jr.	B.S. North Carolina State 1954	11
		M. Ed. Salem State College 1966	
Science	Dudley W. Baldwin	B.S. Mass. College of Pharmacy 1957	5
Science Dept. Head, Jr. H.	Robert E. Anton	B.S. University of Mass. 1957	6
Science	James C. Connor	B.S. University of N.H. 1957	4
Science	Mildred E. Kelley	B.S. University of Maine 1967	2
Science	Janice M. Storch	B.A. Merrimack College 1967	Resigned 6/30/69
Science	Donna Woytovich	B.S. University of Mass. 1968	Resigned 6/30/69
Science	James M. McBride	B. Ed. State University, Oneonta, N.Y. 1960	Resigned 6/30/69
Science	Margaret A. Arbuckle	B.A. Boston University 1969	Began 9/1/69
Science	Arden M. Hayden	B.A. University of Maine 1967	Began 9/1/69
Science	Edward W. Monroe	B.S. Salem State 1967	Began 9/1/69
Science	Bradford C. Perry	B.A. Northeastern University 1969	Began 9/1/69
Science	Wilfred J. Robin, Jr.	B.A. Southeastern Mass. Tech. Inst. 1969	Began 9/1/69
Social Studies Dept. Head	Joseph Sherry	B.S. Boston College 1942	6
		M. Ed. Salem State College 1967	
Social Studies & Science	Herman T. Diehl, Jr.	B.S. University of Maine 1961	1
Social Studies Dept. Head			
Junior High	Minas Dakos	B.A. Boston University 1961	6
		M. Ed. Salem State 1969	

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF (Continued)

Position	Name	Training	Total Years at Pentucket
Social Studies	Marilyn Hershfield	M.A. Boston University 1946	2
Social Studies	John J. O'Wrill	B. Ed. Plymouth State College 1963	2
Social Studies	Gerry J. Hull	A.B. University of Mass. 1965	4
Social Studies	Robert P. Ruszkowski	B.S. Salem State Teachers' College 1965	4
Social Studies	David G. Buckley	B.A. Gordon College 1963	3
Social Studies	James A. Romano	A.B. Assumption College 1966	Resigned 6/30/69
Social Studies	George P. Michaleas	B.S. Salem State College 1966	2
Social Studies	Stephen E. Denihan	A.B. Merrimack College 1963	Began 9/1/69
Social Studies	David E. Morse	B.S. Springfield College 1968	1
Maths Dept. Head H.S.	Arnold G. Zins	B.A. Amherst College 1964	10
Maths Dept. Head Jr. H.	Raymond L. MacNeil	B.S. Boston University 1951	7
		M. Ed. Salem State College 1967	
Maths	Patricia A. Falcione	B.A. Salem State College 1966	3
Maths	Charles R. Stortstrom	A.B. Salem State College 1966	3
Maths	Barbara A. Deacon	B.S. Gordon College 1967	Resigned 6/30/69
Maths	Alan L. Mason	B.S. Salem State College 1965	2
Maths	David D. Moore	A.B. Northeastern University	2
Maths	David H. Bickum	B.S. University of Massachusetts	Began 9/1/69
		M. Ed. Western Conn. State College	
Maths	Nancy A. Brown	B. Ed. Bridgewater State 1964	1
Maths	George J. DeLawrence	B.S. Salem State College 1958	1

Maths	Joyce E. Young	B. Ed. Plymouth State College 1968	1
Commercial Dept. Head	John D. Ricker	B.E. Plymouth State College 1965	1
Commercial	William T. Loughlin	B.B.S. New Hampshire College 1966	2
Commercial	Geraldine M. Girgenti	B.S. Salem State College 1967	2
Commercial	Donna Lynch	B.S. Salem State College 1969	Began 9/1/69
Industrial Arts Dept. Head	Robert S. Hawes	B.S. Northeastern University 1960	Resigned 6/30/69
Industrial Arts-Woodworking	James D. Schultz	B.S. Fitchburg State College 1961	8
Industrial Arts-Mech. Draw.	Donald L. Pinciaro	B. S. Fitchburg State College 1964	5
Industrial Arts	Michael A. Babin	B. Ed. Keene Teachers College 1965	1
Industrial Arts	Daniel T. McCarthy	B.S. Fitchburg State College 1969	Began 9/1/69
Industrial Arts	Edward E. Roy	B.S. Northeast Missouri State College 1968	Began 9/1/69
		M.A. Northeast Missouri State College 1969	
Home Economics	Mary V. Coder	B.S. Simmons College 1941	3
Home Economics	Marilyn A. Corcoran	B.A. Louisiana State University 1949	Resigned 6/30/69
Home Economics	Jean H. Lowe	B.S. Framingham State College 1969	Began 9/1/69
Home Economics	Marilyn-E. Mooney	B.S. Framingham State College 1968	Began 9/1/69
Data Processing	Marjorie A. Berkey	B.A. Hanover College	Resigned 6/30/69
Data Processing	Thomas A. Tamborini	B.S. Salem State College 1969	Began 9/1/69
Vocal Music	Frank T. Esile	B.S. Ed. Lowell State College 1958	6
Music and Band	Robert W. Howard	B.S. Lowell State College 1962	3
Vocal Music	Leon E. Renaud	B.S. Music Ed. Lowell State College 1962	3
Art Dept. Head	Nancy A. Norton	A.B. Smith College 1959	3
		M.A.T. Assumption College 1962	
Art	Diana M. Leigh	B.F.A. George School Fine Arts 1955	2
Art	Lucretia M. Whalen	B.F.A. University of New Mexico 1966	Began 9/1/69
Librarian	Ruth N. Parker	A.B. Coker College 1942	11

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF (Continued)

Position	Name	Training	Total Years at Pentucket
Library Aide	Dorothy J. Whiting	B.A. Duke University 1943	2
Library Aide	Elizabeth M. Baer	M. Ed. Salem State College 1967	Began 9/1/69
Special Education	J. Arthur Melanson	B.S. University of Mass. 1966	Resigned 6/30/69
Special Education	Robert J. Lupien	M. Ed. Bridgewater State College 1969	Began 9/1/69

1969 - 1970 SCHOOL CALENDAR

1969

September

2 and 3	Tuesday and Wednesday	Orientation Days
4	Thursday	School opens

October

13	Monday	Holiday - no school
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November

7	Friday	Ends 1st quarter - 45 days
10	Monday	Schools closed - Teachers' In-Service
11	Tuesday	Veterans' Day - Schools closed
26	Wednesday	Schools close at end of school day for Thanksgiving

December

1	Monday	Schools open
23	Tuesday	Schools close at noon for the Christmas holidays

1970

January

5	Monday	Schools open
21, 22 & 23		Mid-Year Exams
23	Friday	Ends 2nd quarter - 44 days

February

16	Monday	Schools closed for Winter vacation
23	Monday	Schools open

March

27	Friday	Good Friday - schools closed
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April

10	Friday	Ends 3rd quarter - 49 days
20	Monday	Schools closed for Spring vacation
27	Monday	Schools open

May

25	Monday	Schools closed - Memorial Day Observance
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June

5	Friday	Last day for Seniors
5	Friday	Baccalaureate
7	Sunday	Graduation
15, 16 & 17		Final Exams
19	Friday	Last day of School Ends 4th quarter - 44 days

182 days

1970

PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

ADMINISTRATION

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Professional Salary	1,500.00
Contracted Services	2,700.00
Supplies and Materials	450.00
Other Expense	850.00

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE:

Professional Salaries	19,000.00	
Secretarial Salaries	8,048.00	
Supplies and Materials	800.00	
Other Expense	800.00	\$34,148.00

INSTRUCTION

SUPERVISION:

Professional Salaries	12,097.00
Supplies and Materials	475.00

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

Administrative Salaries	59,500.00
Office Clerical Salaries	17,000.00
Contracted Services (Rebinding)	5,006.00
Supplies and Materials	6,100.00
Other Expense	900.00
Administrators Travel-High School	525.00
Administrators Travel-Junior High	416.00

TEACHING:

Professional Salaries	675,400.00
Summer School Salaries	1,250.00
Contracted Services	2,075.00
Supplies and Materials	27,800.00
Teacher Travel and Dues	2,000.00

TEXTBOOKS:

Textbooks and Workbooks	19,000.00
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LIBRARY SERVICES:

Professional Salaries	17,909.00
Contracted Services	150.00
Supplies and Materials	2,100.00
Other Expense	75.00

AUDIO VISUAL PROGRAM:

Non-professional Salaries	3,000.00
Supplies	5,500.00
Other Expense (Travel)	50.00

GUIDANCE SERVICES:

Professional Salaries	54,500.00	
Secretarial Salaries	6,500.00	
Supplies and Materials	2,846.00	
Other Expense (Travel)	275.00	\$922,449.00

OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES**ATTENDANCE;**

Non-professional Salaries	500.00
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HEALTH SERVICES:

Professional Salaries	9,145.00
Supplies and Materials	300.00
Other Expenses (Travel)	50.00

OPERATION OF SCHOOL BUSES:

Non-professional Salaries	600.00
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TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTED SERVICES:

109,100.00

FOOD SERVICES:

Non-professional Salaries	8,667.00
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ATHLETICS:

Professional Salaries	13,200.00
Contracted Services	5,770.00
Supplies and Materials	6,066.00
Other Expenses:(Mem. dues)	405.00

OTHER STUDENT BODY ACTIVITIES:

Professional Salaries	1,219.00	
Contracted Services	850.00	\$155,872.00

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

CUSTODIAL SERVICES:

Non-professional Salaries	77,010.00
Supplies and Materials	6,000.00

HEAT OF BUILDINGS:

13,500.00

UTILITY SERVICES:

Supplies and Materials	22,250.00
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MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDS:

Contracted Services	8,700.00
Supplies and Materials	1,700.00

MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS:

Non-professional Salaries	8,000.00
Contracted Services	8,500.00
Supplies and Materials	4,000.00
Other Expenses	300.00

MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT:

Contracted Services	3,850.00	
Supplies and Materials	350.00	\$154,160.00

FIXED CHARGES

Employment Retirement	14,000.00	
Insurance Program	27,000.00	
Debt Service (Current Loans)	9,000.00	\$50,000.00

COMMUNITY SERVICES

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

500.00 \$ 500.00

ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT:

Equipment: Jr. High School	6,600.00
Equipment: NDEA	1,415.00
Equipment: Sr. High School	7,635.00

REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT:

6,605.00 \$22,255.00

DEBT SERVICE AND RETIREMENT

Debt Retirement (Prin., Long Term)	215,000.00	
Debt Service (Interest, Long Term)	95,272.50	\$310,272.50
TOTAL BUDGET		\$1,649,656.50

PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
1970 BUDGET

COST DISTRIBUTION

Student Enrollments, by Towns and Percentage of Enrollment

	October 1, 1969	% of Total
Groveland	625 =	46.0914%
Merrimac	466 =	34.3658%
West Newbury	265 =	19.5428%
	1356	100.0000%

Budget for 1970		\$1,649,656.50
LESS:		
Estimated Recipts	\$232,526.25	
Transferr fom Excess & Deficiency	39,807.25	
Total used to decrease 1970 assess,		272,33.50
Total to be raised		\$1,377,323.00

Assessments to Towns, based on Agreement:

		1969
Groveland's Share	\$634,827.45	\$598,515.78
Merrimac's Share	473,328.07	407,803.11
West Newbury's Share	269,167.48	258,681.11
	\$1,377,323.00	\$1,265,000.00

PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Cash Balance January 1, 1969	\$129,052.99
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RECEIPTS

Assessments to the Towns	\$1,265,000.00	
Comm. of Mass. Reimbursements	161,281.50	
U.S. Government Grants	20,519.71	
Payroll Deductions	283,215.65	
School Lunch Program Fund	78,399.58	
Athletic Program Fund	3,934.25	
Tuition	390.00	
Rent	185.00	
Miscellaneous Revenues	5,761.32	
Refunds	253.49	
Unclaimed Checks	.49	
Sale of Revenue Anticipation Loans	850,000.00	2,668,940.99
		<u>\$2,797,993.98</u>

EXPENDITURES

Maintenance & Operation	\$1,179,035.91	
Amortization-Debt & Interest	323,675.00	
Payroll Deduction Payments	282,407.59	
School Lunch Program Fund	80,409.96	
Athletic Program Fund	4,402.41	
Public Law No. 874	165.34	
Public Law No. 88-210	722.00	
School Construction	8,293.26	
Estimated Receipts	120.00	
Land Acquisition	8,500.00	
Revenue Anticipation Notes	850,000.00	\$2,737,731.47
Cash Balance December 31, 1969		<u>60,262.51</u>

RECEIPTS

TOWN ASSESSMENTS:

Groveland	\$598,515.78	
Merrimac	407,803.11	
West Newbury	258,681.11	\$1,265,000.00

COMM. OF MASS. REIMBURSEMENTS:

Construction Grant	61,710.50	
Transportation	95,341.00	
Special Education Chap. 69-70	4,230.00	161,281.50

U.S. GOVERNMENT GRANTS:

Public Law No. 874	14,902.00	
Public Law No.85-864	4,895.71	
Public Law No. 88-210	722.00	20,519.71

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS:

Pioneer Credit Union	65,130.00	
Teachers Retirement Fund	35,330.61	
Essex Cty. Retirement Fund	7,337.25	
Federal Withholding Tax	133,756.71	
Mass. Withholding Tax	23,003.62	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	12,993.14	
Life Insurance	303.62	
United Fund	271.96	
Mutual of New York Ins.	2,340.00	
New York Life Insurance	960.00	
John Hancock Insurance	203.06	
Horace Mann Insurance	650.00	
P.A.T. Dues	935.68	283,215.65

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM FUND:

Sale of Food	62,947.41	
U.S.D.A. Reimbursements	15,452.17	78,399.58

ATHLETIC PROGRAM FUND:

Ticket Sales		3,934.25
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TUITION:

Paymt. of out of town students		390.00
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RENT:

Rental of Cafeteria & Auditorium		185.00
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MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:

Industrial Arts Fees	1,174.03	
Commission on Pay Phone	41.15	
Locker Key Receipts	67.00	
Sale of Books	368.26	
Vending machine receipts	127.20	
Fees for collecting S.W.T.	63.10	
Driver Education Fees	3,263.00	
Summer school fees	450.00	
Payment for broken glass	49.35	
Reimbursement for gym locks	34.25	
Reimbursement for School Band	50.00	
Reimbursement for jackets	33.60	
Reimbursement for phone calls	40.38	5,761.32

REFUNDS:

253.49

UNCASHED CHECK:

.49

TEMPORARY LOANS:

Sale of Revenue Anticipation Notes

January 30, 1969 - 113 day note	\$400,000.00	
June 4, 1969 - 79 day note	350,000.00	
October 9, 1969 - 42 day note	100,000.00	850,000.00

Total Receipts Year Ended December 31, 1969 \$2,668,940.99

EXPENDITURES

MAINTENANCE & OPERATION

ADMINISTRATION

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Treasurer's Salary	\$	1,100.00
Contracted Services		1,464.96
Supplies and Materials		436.08
Other Expense		920.23

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE:

Accountant's Salary		800.00
Superintendent's Salary		9,800.00
Asst. Supt. Salary		6,750.00
Secretaries' Salaries		6,883.00
Office supplies & materials		871.78
Other Expense	615.39	\$ 29,641.44

INSTRUCTION

SUPERVISION:

Professional Salaries	8,436.34
Supplies and Materials	226.36

PRINCIPALS' OFFICES:

Professional Salaries	54,022.24
Secretaries' Salaries	15,135.21
Contracted Services	5,319.61
Supplies and Materials	4,420.61
Other Expense	2,033.59

TEXTBOOKS:

16,416.08

INSTRUCTION:

Professional Salaries	611,081.91
Summer School Salaries	450.00
Contracted Services	1,878.11
Supplies and Materials	23,291.22
Other Expense	2,185.75

LIBRARY SERVICES:

Professional Salaries	15,654.36
Contracted Services	32.45
Supplies and Materials	2,552.31
Other Expense	33.34

AUDIO-VISUAL SERVICES:

Professional Salaries	1,568.76
Supplies and Materials	4,168.27
Other Expense	28.20

GUIDANCE SERVICES:

Professional Salaries	36,443.46
Secretaries' Salaries	6,508.58
Supplies and Materials	1,584.45
Other Expense	200.85

SPECIAL CLASS:

Supplies and Materials	26.96	\$	813,699.02
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OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES**ATTENDANCE:**

Non-professional Salaries	500.00
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HEALTH SERVICES:

School Nurse Salary	4,971.94
School Physician	1,560.00
Supplies and Materials	221.23
Other Expense	17.44

TRANSPORTATION:

Police duty	273.00
Reg. Contracted Trans.	94,612.50

ATHLETICS:

Professional Salaries	9,660.90
Contracted Services	5,557.79
Supplies and Materials	5,894.23
Other Expense	373.26

STUDENT ACTIVITIES:

Professional Salaries	261.52		
Contracted Services	422.75	\$	124,326.56

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

CUSTODIAL SERVICES:

Non-professional Salaries	67,853.01
Supplies and Materials	5,581.98

HEAT OF BUILDINGS:

10,713.26

UTILITY SERVICES:

23,298.57

MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDS:

Contracted Services	6,703.38
Supplies and Materials	1,412.38

MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS:

Non-professional Salaries	7,376.99
Contracted Services	10,284.76
Supplies and Materials	4,006.56

MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT:

Contracted Services	3,853.33	
Supplies and Materials	282.45	\$ 141,366.67

FIXED CHARGES

Employment Retirement	13,595.99	
Insurance Program	23,548.98	
Interest on Current Loans	9,434.48	\$ 46,579.45

ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

Acquisition of Equipment	18,500.11	
Replacement of Equipment	4,922.66	\$ 23,422.77

MAINTENANCE & OPERATION TOTAL \$1,179,035.91

AMORTIZATION:

Payment of Principal	220,000.00	
Payment of Interest	103,675.00	\$ 323,675.00

PAYROLL DEDUCTION PAYMENTS:

Pioneer Credit Union	65,130.00	
Teachers Retirement Fund	35,330.61	
Essex Cty. Retirement Fund	7,337.25	
Federal Withholding Tax	133,756.71	
Mass. Withholding Tax	23,003.62	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	12,993.14	
Life Insurance	303.62	
United Fund	271.96	
Mutual of New York Ins.	2,225.00	
New York Life Insurance	720.00	
Horace Mann Insurance	400.00	
P.A.T. Dues	935.68	282,407.59

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM FUND:

Salaries	34,972.72	
Food	39,126.72	
Other	6,310.52	80,409.96

ATHLETIC PROGRAM FUND:

Referees, Police, Custodians and Ticket Sellers	3,468.70	
Equipment	484.23	
Food	83.10	
Transportation	320.38	
Dues	46.00	4,402.41

PUBLIC LAW NO. 874

Equipment	165.34
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PUBLIC LAW NO. 88-210

Equipment	722.00
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SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION:

Equipment	4,244.60	
Legal Fees	2,500.00	
Architect Fees	1,548.66	8,293.26

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:

Refund of Tuition	120.00
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LAND ACQUISITION:

Purchase of Hibbert Property	8,500.00
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REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES:

Note due May 23, 1969	400,000.00	
Note due August 22, 1969	350,000.00	
Note due November 21, 1969	100,000.00	850,000.00

Total Expense year ended December 31, 1969	\$2,737,731.47
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PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1969

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
CASH:		REVOLVING FUNDS:	
General	\$ 60,262.51	School Lunch Fund	\$ 5,861.00
Petty	50.00	Athletic Fund	2,603.66
State Construction Grant	69,468.75	Reserve for Petty Cash	50.00
		Tailings—Unclaimed Checks	64.11
		School Construction	4,950.16
		John Hancock Ins.	203.06
		New York Life Ins.	240.00
		Mutual of New York Ins.	115.00
		Horace Mann Ins.	250.00
		Land Acquisition	100.00
		Surplus Revenue	115,344.27
	\$ 129,781.26		\$ 129,781.26

DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$2,482,000.00	SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION LOANS:
		October 1, 1955 \$ 14,000.00
		January 15, 1957 400,000.00
		December 1, 1957 335,000.00
		July 15, 1964 18,000.00
		December 15, 1965 800,000.00
		December 15, 1966 915,000.00
	\$2,482,000.00	\$2,482,000.00

SYDNEY A. O'NEILL, Treasurer

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Report of the
Finance Committee

See you at
Town Hall **MERRIMAC**

FEBRUARY 24, 1969

To the Citizens of Merrimac:

The Finance Committee submits herein its budget recommendations for the year 1969.

The total budget has increased approximately \$209,090.00, not including the recommended expenditures under special articles. The increase is approximately 21% of last years budget, with schools comprising 16.1% and all other departments comprising 4.9%. Departments having major budget increases are as follows:

	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>Increase</u>
School	\$641,811	\$802,590	\$160,779
Unclassified	20,103	41,228	21,125
Veterans Benefits	3,700	9,900	6,200
Police	33,586	39,310	5,724
Assessors	4,360	9,410	5,050

The decision to recommend this large increase was not easy. Nor was the decision made in haste. Our committee met with all major departments. We requested some departments to review the initial budget request and to return for a second meeting with our committee. During the year we met with a number of departments to discuss administrative and financial problems peculiar to those departments. As a result of these efforts most of the budget amounts are by mutual agreement of the department and our committee. Where we were unable to reach such agreement the budget request of the department is noted.

Because the "cherry sheet" has not been received from the Department of Corporations and Taxation, we are unable to state a specific prediction of the 1969 tax rate. However, the large increase in the budget and the predicted decrease in state reimbursements, cause our committee to predict a significant increase in the 1969 tax rate.

It is increasingly difficult to maintain a stable tax rate, especially with soaring school budgets. In addition there exists an urgent need for improved town facilities, such as the establishment of an additional water supply, construction of quarters for the fire, highway and police departments, and construction of sewage disposal facilities. Therefore, we request the school committee and school administration to make every effort to maintain school costs at a minimum, without sacrificing the requirements for an academically sound, but financially conservative, educational program for the future citizens of our community. Also, we implore our state legislators to cease taking more tax money from our taxpayers, while returning less money in reimbursements to our community and forcing our community into projects, programs and wage scales our taxpayers cannot afford.

We wish to thank the town officers, department heads, and especially the Selectmen and the Town Accountant for their excellent cooperation which greatly facilitated the preparation of this budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Hamel, Chairman
Frank Drenth, Secretary
Forrest L. Bishop
Lawton A. Crane

Kenneth Fowle
Robert E. Kent
Alexander M. Sullivan

FINANCE REPORT

.30% Recreation
.52% Cemeteries
.69% Library
.74% Health
.82% Veterans Ben.
1.35% Pensions
3.17% Public Service
3.28% Gen. Government
3.40% Unclassified
4.75% Protection
5.54% Highways
9.07% Mat. Debt & Int.
66.37% Schools

Recap of
RESERVE FUND

Appropriation	7000.
Surplus Revenue	6500
	<u>13500.</u>

Transferred to:

Insurance	3215.
Auxiliary Engine	
to pump water	1043.
Tree Warden Ex.	2260.
Veterans Ben.	3010.
Assessors Ex.	600.
Town Hall Maint.	100.
Dump Maint. Ex.	400.
Police	1200.
Interest	237.
	<u>12064.</u>

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Item No.	Average Expended 1965-1967	Expended 1968	Recommended 1969
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT 3.28% of Total

1	\$ 12	\$ 12	<u>Moderator</u> Salary	\$ 12
2	67	50	<u>Finance Committee</u> Clerical Assistance	50
3	283	216	Expense	350
4	900	900	<u>Selectmen</u> Salary	1,500
5	1,328	1,350	Clerical Assistance	2,000
6	910	832	Expense	1,000
7	4,527	5,512	<u>Accountant</u> Salary	5,824
8	426	300	Clerical Assistance	300
9	80	97	Expense	100
10	1,150	1,200	<u>Treasurer</u> Salary	1,200
11	167	193	Clerical Assistance	200
12	1,275	1,844	Expense	4,000
13	2,500	2,500	<u>Tax Collector</u> Salary	2,500
14	158	193	Clerical Assistance	200
15	920	934	Expense	1,300
16	500	600	<u>Assessors</u> Salaries - Chairman	600
17	384	500	Clerk	600
18	359	500	Member	600
19	892	1,920	Clerical Assistance	2,600
20	100	400	Survey - Fieldwork	3,300
21	620	933	Expense	1,710
22		100	Assessors School	
23	750	750	<u>Legal Suits & Expenses</u> Salary - Town Council	1,250
24	238	350	Expense	750
25	600	600	<u>Town Clerk</u> Salary	1,000
26	234		Clerical Assistance	
27	214	467	Expense	275
28	310	752	<u>Election Officers</u> Wages	210
29	83	58	Expense	23

Item No.	Average Expended 1965-1967	Expended 1968		Recommended 1969
			<u>Registrars</u>	
30	248	250	Salaries	250
31	100	100	Clerical Expense	100
32	53	102	Expense	115
33	400	400	Census Taker	400
			<u>Planning Board</u>	
34	115	79	Expense	500
			<u>Town Hall</u>	
35	834	840	Janitor Wages	840
36	2,000	2,088	Maintenance	2,700
37	593	551	Repairs, in, on, around	700
38	550	558	<u>Bonding Town Officers</u>	575
	<u>\$ 24,880</u>	<u>\$ 29,031</u>	TOTAL FOR GENERAL GOV'T.	<u>\$ 39,634</u>

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY 4.75% of TOTAL

			<u>Police</u>	
39	6,466	6,980	Salaries - Chief	7,420
40	3,159	6,120	Sergeant	6,560
41	6,264	10,319	Patrolmen	11,240
42	6,042	4,593	Wages - Specials	7,505
43	1,294	1,527	Clerk	1,560
44	2,474	4,090	Expense	4,525
45	500	500	- Prisoners Board	500
46	660	657	Portable Radio Unit	
	<u>\$ 26,859</u>	<u>\$ 34,786</u>	<u>TOTAL POLICE</u>	<u>\$ 39,310</u>

			<u>Fire</u>	
47	650	650	Salaries - Engineers	650
48	4,090	4,100	Wages - Firemen	4,100
49	200	200	Forest Fire Warden	200
50	3,930	3,420	Expense	4,200
51		20,000	New Fire Truck	
52		1,950	New Fire Truck Expense	
53		1,493	Fire Alarm System	
54		275	Plans for housing Fire, Hgwy. and Police	
	<u>\$ 8,870</u>	<u>\$ 32,088</u>	<u>TOTAL FIRE</u>	<u>\$ 9,150</u>

			<u>Board of Appeals</u>	
55			Clerical Assistance	50
56	31	69	Expense	100
			<u>Inspector of Gas</u>	
57	267	350	Salary (Req. \$400)	350
58	67	75	Expense (Req. \$100)	75
			<u>Inspector of Wiring</u>	
59	250	350	Salary	350
60	50	50	Expense	50

Item No.	Average Expended 1965-1967	Expended 1968		Recommended 1969
			<u>Inspector of Oil Burners</u>	
61	150	150	Salary	150
62	50	50	Expense	50
			<u>Inspector of Plumbing</u>	
63	125	300	Salary	300
			<u>Inspector of Sewerage</u>	
64	125	300	Salary	300
			<u>Tree Warden</u>	
65	750	300	Salary	300
66	547	2,948	Expense	2,000
67	500	464	New Trees	500
68	450	390	Stump Removal	700
			<u>Moth</u>	
69	139		Wages	
70	560	539	Expense	1,000
			<u>Dutch Elm</u>	
71	1,125		Wages	
72	441	745	Expense	950
73	23	24	Town Forest Wages	50
			<u>Dog Officer</u>	
74	167	200	Salary	200
75	286	272	Expense	300
			<u>Civil Defense</u>	
76	300	300	Wages	300
77	1,195	1,095	Expenses	1,000
	<u>\$ 43,327</u>	<u>\$ 75,845</u>	<u>TOTAL PROTECTION</u>	<u>\$ 57,535</u>
<u>HEALTH & SANITATION .74% of Total</u>				
			<u>Health Nurse</u>	
78	1,875	1,875	Salary	1,875
79	173	75	Expense	200
			<u>Board of Health</u>	
80		56	Animal Burials	100
81	2,837	330	Other	1,500
			<u>Dump Maintenance</u>	
82	2,630	3,640	Salary	3,900
83	1,165	1,251	Expense	1,000
			<u>Inspector of Animals</u>	
84	100	100	Salary	100
85	10	10	Expense	10
			<u>Inspector of Milk</u>	
86	25	25	Salary	25
87	10	10	Expense	10

Item No.	Average Expended 1965-1967	Expended 1968	Recommended 1969
<u>Inspector of Slaughtering</u>			
88	\$ 20	\$ 20	Salary \$ 20
89	5	5	Expense 5
90	158	160	<u>Vital Statistics</u> 180
	<u>\$ 9,008</u>	<u>\$ 7,557</u>	<u>TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION</u> <u>\$ 8,925</u>
<u>HIGHWAYS 5.54% of Total</u>			
91	5,530	6,478	Superintendent Salary (\$6500)
92	15,130	16,893	Wages (\$17,000)
93	40,938	48,111	Expense
	<u>\$ 61,598</u>	<u>\$ 71,482</u>	
94	4,000	3,901	Road Machinery - Spec. Art. #6 (4,000)
95	2,965	3,640	Thickly Settled Spec. Art. #7 4,500
96	14,525	13,868	Chapter 81 Appropriate 5,450
97			Chapter 81 Trans. S.R. (9,075)
98		4,991 ('67 Bal)	" 90 Const.
99	11,489	3,250	Chapt.90 Const. Appropriate 4,000
100		9,750	Chapt.90 Const. Trans. S.R. (Spec.Art.#9)(12,000)
101	1,500	1,000	Chapt.90 Maint. Appropriate 1,000
102		500	" 90 Maint. Trans.S.R. (Spec.Art.#10) (500)
103	17,253	17,848	Snow & Washouts Appropriate 18,000
104	1,600	1,280	Sidewalks, R & B Appropriate 1,500
105	8,266	9,069	Street Lights 7,031
106		2,385	Parking Lots
	<u>61,598</u>	<u>71,482</u>	<u>TOTAL HIGHWAYS</u> <u>67,056</u>
(Trans. from S.R. \$21,575)			
(Trans. from Rd.Mach. \$ 4,000)			
(Recommd. Appros. \$41,481)			
<u>\$67,056</u>			
<u>CHARITIES</u>			
107	2,654	1,632	General Relief
108	22,526	2,500	Aid Families w/Dep. Children
109	8,641	500	Disability
110	53,205	23,000	Medical Aid
111	52,845		Old Age Assistance
	<u>139,871</u>	<u>27,632</u>	<u>TOTAL CHARITIES</u>
<u>VETERANS BENEFITS .82% of Total</u>			
112	700	900	Service Officer - Salary 900
113	200	200	Expense 250
114	145	143	Care of Veterans Graves 150
115	300	450	Soldiers Benefits Clerk 600

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116	2,482	9,451	Expense	8,000
	<u>3,827</u>	<u>11,144</u>	TOTAL VETERANS	<u>9,900</u>
<u>SCHOOLS 66.37% of Total</u>				
117	165,288	233,609	Elementary - Salaries & Wages	330,358
118	29,604	41,609	Expense	51,983
	<u>194,892</u>	<u>275,218</u>	TOTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	<u>382,341</u>
			Less Available Funds	<u>-538</u>
				<u>381,803</u>
119	8,811	5,100	Special Class Tuition & Transp.	3,278
120	22,796	0	Lunch Program	3,450
121	4,794	6,114	Vocational Tuition & Transp.	6,256
122	266,417	353,757	Pentucket Regional Assessment	407,803
	<u>302,818</u>	<u>364,971</u>	TOTAL SCHOOLS	<u>802,590</u>
<u>LIBRARY .69% of Total</u>				
123	3,323	4,928	Salaries & Wages	6,352
124	2,693	3,103	Expense	4,515
125	-1,022	-1,141	Less Estimated Income	-2,515
	<u>4,994</u>	<u>6,890</u>	TOTAL LIBRARY	<u>8,352</u>
<u>RECREATION .30% of Total</u>				
126	894	1,053	Playground - Wages	1,600
127	711	1,691	Expense	700
128	1,000	1,050	Supervised Play - Wages	1,050
129	300	300	Christmas Parade	300
	<u>2,905</u>	<u>4,094</u>	TOTAL RECREATION	<u>3,650</u>
<u>PENSIONS 1.35% of Total</u>				
130	15,215	16,427	Essex County Retirement System	16,278
<u>UNCLASSIFIED 3.40% of Total</u>				
131		162	Printing Town By-Laws	
132	286	286	Central M.V. Reg. Pln. Dist. Com.	300
133	200	0	Reg. Voc. Sch. Dist. Pln. Com. Exp.	0
134	2,811	3,095	Light in Town Buildings	3,900
135	675	450	Water in Town Buildings	490
136	848	815	Town Reports	800
137	383	343	Memorial Day	400
138	500	500	R ental American Legion Quarters	500
139	4,085	12,064	Reserve Fund	7,000
140	8,674	14,192	Insurance	17,000
141	235	698	Ambulance Service	1,000
142		50	Tax Title Property Repairs	300
143		2,953	Group Insurance	8,000
144	46	660	Industrial Development Comm.	600
145	400	267	Indian Head Park Expenses	938
	<u>19,143</u>	<u>36,535</u>	TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	<u>41,228</u>

Item No.	Average Expended 1965-1967	Expended 1968	Recommended 1969
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PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES 3.17% of Total

146	\$ 150	\$ 150	Water Dept. Salaries - Comms.	\$ 300
147	2,516	2,623	" Superintendent.	2,650
148	1,376	1,475	" Clerk	1,579
149	15,606	8,753	" Wages	14,216
150	<u>15,639</u>	<u>17,605</u>	Expense (Req. \$20,600)	<u>19,600</u>
	35,287	30,606	<u>TOTAL PUBLIC ENTERPRISES</u>	38,345

CEMETERIES .52% of Total

151	400	400	Clerk	400
152	6,891	6,643	Wages	5,000
153	2,239	1,446	Expense	3,402
154	<u>-3,350</u>	<u>-2,239</u>	Less Estimated Income	<u>-(2,552)</u>
	6,180	6,250	<u>TOTAL CEMETERIES</u>	6,250

Maturing Debt & Interest 9.07% of Total

155	45,000	45,000	Debt. Red Oak School	45,000
156	17,000	17,000	Elementary School	17,000
157	5,000	5,000	Elem. Sch. Addition	5,000
158	4,000	4,000	Water Meters	4,000
159			Fire Truck	4,000
160	17,468	35,627	Interest - Maturing Debt.	33,168
161	<u></u>	<u>1,837</u>	Temporary Loans	<u>2,000</u>
	88,468	108,464	<u>TOTAL MATURING DEBT & INT.</u>	110,168

TOTAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS \$1,209,911
 *TOTAL SPECIAL ARTICLES 30,900
 TOTAL RECOMMENDED TRANSFERS 25,900

*Not included in this figure:

Art. #18 \$300,000 Bond Issue - Water
 Art. #19 \$160,000 Bond Issue - Water
 Art. #30 Pace Land

SPECIAL ARTICLES

- Art. 1 Omnibus article on budget
 Recommended
- Art. 2 Authorization for Town Treasurer, with the approval of
 Selectmen, to borrow money.
 Recommended
- Art. 3 Authorization for the Town Treasurer to sell at public
 auction property taken by the Town under Tax Title proceedings.
 Recommended
- Art. 4 Authorization for the Selectmen to sell any property
 taken by the Town until the 1970 Town Meeting
 Recommended
- Art. 5 To authorize the Assessors to use a sum of money from
 "Free Cash" in the treasury toward the reduction of the
 1969 tax rate.
 Recommended - \$45,000
- Art 6. To raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated
 available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the maint-
 enance of road machinery.
 Recommended - Transfer from Surplus Revenue \$4,000
- Art. 7 To raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended on
 highway work on thickly settled streets.
 Recommended - appropriate \$4,500
- Art. 8 To raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated avail-
 able funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81
 highway construction and maintenance
 Recommended - Appropriate \$5,450
 Transfer from Surplus Revenue \$9,075
- Art. 9 To raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated avail-
 able funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90
 highway construction.
 Recommended - Appropriate \$4,000
 Transfer from Surplus Revenue \$12,000
- Art. 10 To raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated avail-
 able funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90
 maintenance.
 Recommended - Appropriate \$1,000
 Transfer from Surplus Revenue \$500
- Art. 11 To appropriate the sum of \$170.00 from the sale of cemetery lots
 to be expended under the direction of the cemetery trustees
 for "Care, Improvement and Embellishment" of said cemetery.
 Recommended - \$170.00
- Art. 12 To appropriate a sum of money from the Electric Light operating
 balance, said sum to be used by the Assessors with the estimated
 receipts for reducing the tax rate for the year 1969.
 Recommended - \$15,931
 Lighting town buildings \$3,900
 Street Lights \$7,031
 Reduction of taxes \$5,000

- Art. 13 To transfer dog license fees to library
Recommended - \$325.00
- Art. 14 To accept benefits to public libraries
Recommended
- Art. 15 To accept dog leash by-law
No recommendation
- Art. 16. To authorize Town Accountant to pay unpaid 1968 school bill
Recommended
- Art. 17 To amend zoning by-laws and map to extend existing commercial zone on southeast side of East Main Street.
No recommendation
- Art. 18 To appropriate \$300,000 for developing additional well field, constructing and equipping pumping station, constructing storage standpipe, and laying water mains, and to authorize the treasurer with the approval of Selectmen to borrow \$300,000 under Chapter 44, General Laws
Recommended - Appropriation \$300,000 fifteen year bond issue with estimated annual payment of \$26,760
- Art. 19 To appropriate \$160,000 for developing additional well field, constructing and equipping pumping station, and laying water mains.
Recommended (if article 18 does not pass)
Appropriation \$160,000 fifteen year bond issue with estimated annual payment of \$14,270
- Art. 20 To raise and appropriate money to purchase or take by eminent domain Sargent land at junction of County Road & Harriman Road for purpose of constructing standpipe thereon.
Recommended - \$4,000
- Art. 21 To raise and appropriate a sum of money for fire files for water department.
Recommended - \$600.00
- Art. 22- To raise and appropriate a sum of money for water filter
Recommended - \$350.00
- Art. 23 To raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a Pheuma Gopher underground piercing tool for water department
Not recommended
- Art. 24 To change term of office for Tree Warden to three years.
Recommended
- Art. 25 To raise and appropriate a sum of money for purchase of a police cruiser and to authorize the Selectmen to trade or sell present cruiser
Recommended - \$2,500
- Art 26 To authorize the Assessors to hire themselves to perform assessing duties outside of the Assessor's office and to set the rate of compensation
Recommended

- Art. 27 To authorize the Tree Warden to hire himself to perform labor or render services to the tree department and to set the rate of compensation.
Recommended
- Art. 28 To raise and appropriate a sum of money to obtain an option to purchase Brox building on East Main Street and to study feasibility of the use of same as the town municipal building.
Recommended - \$3,500
- Art. 29 To raise and appropriate a sum of money for stabilization fund
Recommended - \$5,000
- Art. 30 To raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase or take by eminent domain, land presently owned by Pace Industries for purpose of using said land for sewage facilities.
Recommended
- Art. 31 To raise and appropriate a sum of money for architectural and engineering plans and specifications for sewage facilities.
Recommended - Federal loan of \$59,900 received by Town should be sufficient.

SURPLUS REVENUE

\$176,704.97

Real 1967	\$12,218.32
Real 1968	67,426.04

Personal 1965	34.32
Personal 1966	707.65
Personal 1967	991.44
Personal 1968	<u>2,112.33</u>

83,490.10

FREE CASH

\$ 93,214.87

BORROWING CAPACITY OF THE TOWN JAN. 1, 1969

Real and Personal:

Valuation 1966, less abatements	\$11,404,072.00
Valuation 1967, less abatements	11,571,200.00
Valuation 1968, less abatements	12,468,484.00

Motor Vehicles:

Valuation 1966, less abatements	\$ 1,489,471.00
Valuation 1967, less abatements	1,646,600.00
Valuation 1968, less abatements	1,832,893.00
Net valuation for 3 yrs., less abatements	<u>40,412,720.00</u>
Average valuation 3 yrs., less abatements	13,470,907.00
5% thereof (debt limit)	673,546.00

EXISTING TOWN DEBT INSIDE DEBT LIMIT

Fire Truck (1968 \$20,000)	Balance	\$ 20,000.00
Elementary School (1952 \$39,000)	Balance	5,000.00
New Addition (1960 \$75,000)	Balance	35,000.00
Water Meters (1966 \$40,000)	Balance	28,000.00
Balance of Inside Debt Limit		<u>88,000.00</u>
Borrowing Capacity Jan. 1, 1969		<u>585,546.00</u>

EXISTING TOWN DEBT

Outside town debt limit, Principal:

Red Oak School ((1964 \$785,000)	Balance	\$ 695,000.00
Elementary School (1952 \$300,000)	Balance	45,000.00
Pent. Reg. School (1955-66)	Balance	882,478.00

Inside town debt limit:

Elementary School (noted above)	Balance	\$ 40,000.00
Water Meters (noted above)	Balance	28,000.00
Fire Truck (noted above)	Balance	20,000.00
		<u>1,710,478.00</u>

INTEREST ON ABOVE

Inside debt limit - Fire Truck	\$ 828.00
Inside debt limit - Elementary School	100.00
Inside debt limit - Elementary Addition	1,202.50
Outside debt limit - Red Oak School	29,190.00
Outside debt limit - Elementary School	937.50
Outside debt limit - Pent. Reg. School	33,420.00
Inside debt limit - Water Meters	910.00
	<u>\$ 66,588.00</u>

FINANCE COMMITTEE
TOWN HALL
MERRIMAC, MASS.

